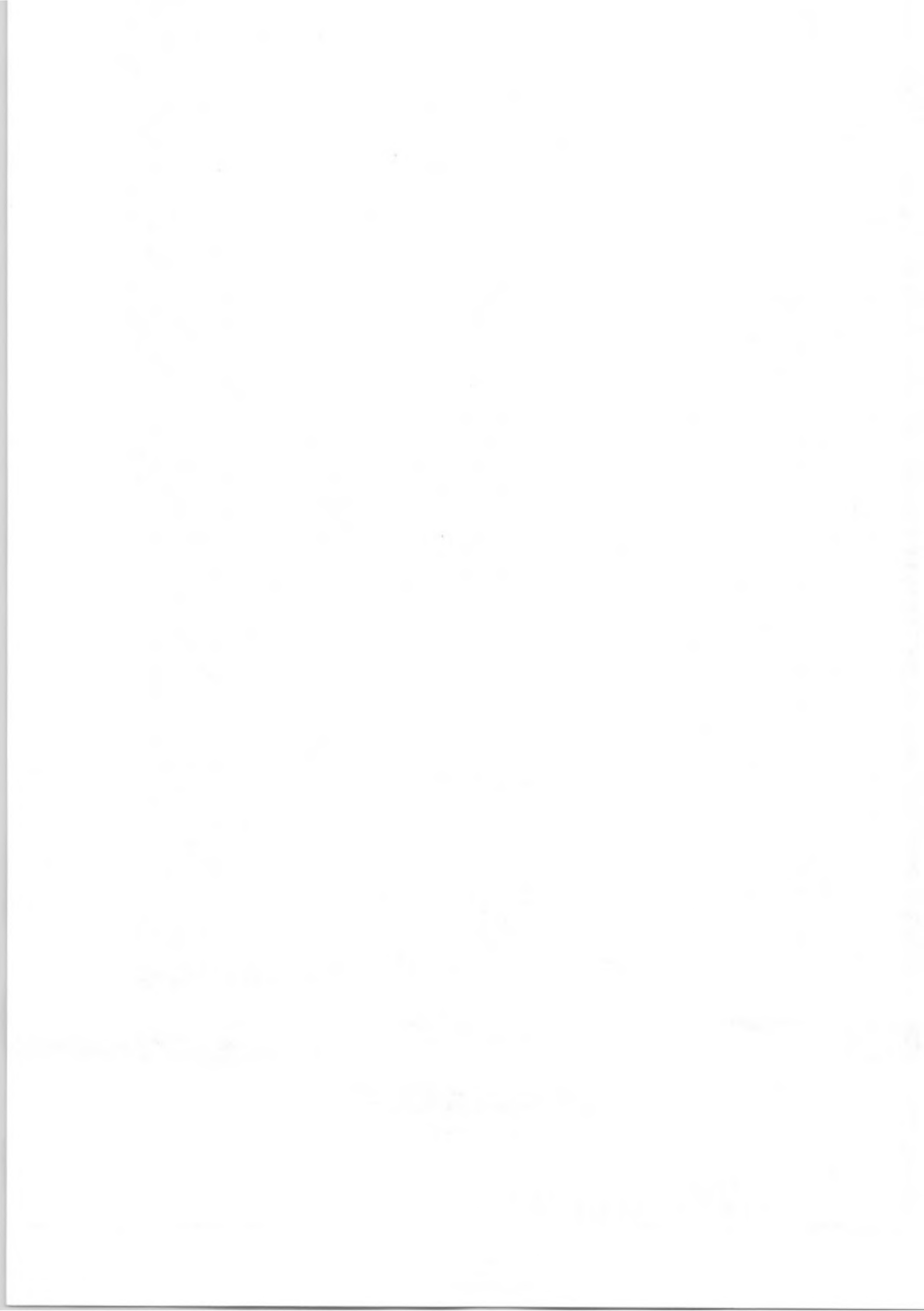


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BY PREFERENCE FOR NEXT DUTY AFTER TERMINATION OF CURRENT ASSIGNMENT IS: (IF IN US-90 STATE) **Intell./Operations U.S.**

9. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES IN PERSONAL STATUS SINCE ORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT OR LAST REPORT - WHICHEVER IS LATER:  
 MARITAL STATUS ☒ YES ☐ NO NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS ☒ YES ☐ NO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE ☒ YES ☐ NO LEGAL ADDRESS ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS YES, ATTACH A SEPARATE DETAILED REPORT IN DUPLICATE HERETO. IN THE CASE OF MARRIAGE, THE REPORT WILL INCLUDE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND CITIZENSHIP OF SPOUSE, FATHER-IN-LAW, MOTHER-IN-LAW, BROTHERS-IN-LAW AND SISTERS-IN-LAW.

11 May 1948

(James S. Kronthal)

SECTIONS 7 THROUGH 11 TO BE COMPLETED BY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

7. PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT  
 DATE FROM ☐ DATE TO ☐  
 OCCASION FOR REPORT  
☒ ANNUAL ☐ REASSIGNMENT OF REPORTING OFFICES ☐ PROPOSED REASSIGNMENT OF EMPLOYEE REPORTED ON ☐ COVERING INITIAL 90 DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT ☐

8. IS THIS EMPLOYEE QUALIFIED TO PERFORM ALL PRESENT DUTIES? ☒ YES ☐ NO IS EMPLOYEE BETTER QUALIFIED FOR OTHER DUTIES? ☒ YES ☐ NO IF SO, WHAT DUTY OR DUTIES \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU CONCUR IN EMPLOYEE'S DESCRIPTION OF DUTY UNDER SECTION 8? ☒ YES ☐ NO IF NO, EXPLAIN IN SECTION 11  
 HAS EMPLOYEE STRIVEN FOR PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO DO YOU RECOMMEND EMPLOYEE FOR PROMOTION? ☒ YES ☐ NO IF SO, TO WHAT GRADE AND FOR WHAT POSITION? \_\_\_\_\_

9. FOR EACH FACTOR OBSERVED CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE HOW THE EMPLOYEE COMPARES WITH ALL OTHERS OF THE SAME CLASSIFICATION WHOSE PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES ARE KNOWN TO YOU PERSONALLY. DO NOT LIMIT THIS COMPARISON TO THE OTHERS NOW UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION. DO NOT HESITATE TO MARK "NOT OBSERVED" ON ANY QUALITY WHEN APPROPRIATE.

SATING FACTORS	NOT OBSERVED	UNSAT- ISFAC- TORY	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCEL- LENT	OUT- STAN- DING
A. ABILITY TO WORK AND GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE					X		
B. INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM IN WORK						X	
C. SECURITY CONSCIOUSNESS							X
D. ABILITY TO GRASP INSTRUCTIONS AND PLANS							X
E. ATTENTION TO DUTY							X
F. JUDGMENT AND COMMON SENSE							X
G. ABILITY TO OBTAIN RESULTS AND GET THINGS DONE						X	
H. DISCRETION							X
I. INITIATIVE							X
J. ABILITY TO HANDLE AND OBJECT PEOPLE						X	
K. PERFORMANCE OF PRESENT DUTIES (ITEM 8)					X		
L. ABILITY TO EVALUATE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION						X	
M. TACT							X
N. SAGACITY (NON-SULLIBILITY)					X		
O. LEADERSHIP							X
P. PHYSICAL STAMINA						X	
Q. MENTAL STAMINA						X	

10. INDICATE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HAVING THIS EMPLOYEE UNDER YOUR COMMAND OR SUPERVISION. WOULD YOU DEFINITELY ☐ PREFER NOT ☐ TO HAVE HIM? ☐ BE SATISFIED ☐ BE PLEASED ☐ PARTICULARLY DESIRE HIM? ☒

11. ENTER HERE ANY DESIRED REMARKS PERTAINING TO PARTICULAR QUALIFICATIONS OR LACK THEREOF WHICH ARE CONSIDERED PERTINENT TO THE EVALUATION OF THIS EMPLOYEE. OUTSTANDING ASSETS AND/OR SERIOUS LIMITATIONS SHOULD BE STATED ALSO REASONS FOR AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO REASSIGNMENT WILL BE GIVEN IF APPROPRIATE TO THIS REPORT.

Subject is a top-flight intelligence officer who commands  
regard from his subordinates more through demonstrated  
knowledge and b.g. than through personal warmth  
and affability. He is rather retiring as a person  
but this does not affect his leadership a firmness  
by purpose

(IF REVIEWING OFFICER ON CHIEF OF STATION DOES NOT CONCUR WITH THIS REPORT, OBJECTIONS WILL BE STATED IN SPACE PROVIDED ON THE REVERSE SIDE HEREOF)

cc by COFS

Richard Helmer

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER

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6. UPON DETERMINATION OR RECOMMENDATION THAT AN EMPLOYEE IN A FIELD STATION SHOULD BE REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER STATION OR RETURNED TO U.S. FOR REARRIGNMENT OR OTHER DISPOSITION, SUCH REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AFTER SUCH REARRIGNMENT DETERMINATION IS MADE, IF POSSIBLE. THE REPORT SHOULD BE SENT IN AT LEAST THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO PROPOSED REARRIGNMENT IN ORDER THAT ALL TIME POSSIBLE MAY BE DEVOTED TO APPRAISAL AND EVALUATION. IF CONSIDERATION OF REARRIGNMENT IS BEING GIVEN WITHOUT EMPLOYEE'S KNOWLEDGE, ITEM 1 TO 4 WILL BE FILLED IN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BY THE RATING OFFICER WITHOUT REFERRAL TO EMPLOYEE.

5. IN FAIRNESS TO THE INDIVIDUAL BEING RATED AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL-  
Y PREPARED AND ACCURATE EFFICIENCY REPORTS CANNOT BE OVERSTRESSED. THE FOLLOWING BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RATING SHOULD  
WAYS BE KEPT IN MIND:

- A. ALWAYS BASE YOUR JUDGMENT ON:

- (1) WHAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED THE INDIVIDUAL DO OR FAIL TO DO.

- (E) TYPICAL PERFORMANCE, NOT ON AN ISOLATED STRIKING INCIDENT.

- 181 EXAMPLER RELEVANT TO THE CHARACTERISTIC UNDER CONSIDERATION.

- THE EFFICIENCY REPORT IS TO BE USED TO RATE ALL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. BUT REPORTING OFFICERS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT DIFFERENT STANDARDS PREVAIL IN DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENTS WHEREAS IT IS NECESSARY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER POSSESS INITIATIVE. THIS SAME TRAIT IS NOT ALWAYS DESIRABLE, EXCEPT IN A MINOR WAY, FOR A TYPIST. THE RATING AND EVALUATION OF AN EMPLOYEE IS BEING PAID. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ARRIVE AT A JUST ESTIMATE OF THE QUALITY OF THE PERSON REPORTED ON FOR THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT. AVOID EXAGGERATIONS AND SUPERLATIVES. THEY DETRACT FROM THE VALUE OF A REPORT AND ARE UNFAIR TO OTHERS.

- BIASED OPINIONS BASED ON PERSONAL LIKES AND DISLIKES MUST BE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE PREPARATION OF EFFICIENCY REPORTS IS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF ALL SUPERVISORS OF EMPLOYEES, AND THE ACCURATE AND TRUE EVALUATIONS EXPRESSED THEREIN ARE A DIRECT REFLECTION UPON HIS OWN ABILITY AND QUALIFICATION FOR THE POSITION HE HOLDS.

- C. NO REPORTS WILL BE RENDERED COVERING PERIODS OF LESS THAN 90 DAYS OBSERVED SERVICE.

4. REPORTS WILL NORMALLY BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL; HOWEVER, THE CLASSIFICATION MAY BE RAISED IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY RATING OFFICER.

8. REPORTS WILL NEVER BE SHOWN TO THE EMPLOYEE REPORTED ON.

### DISPOSITION OF REPORTS

1. REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH CHIEF IN WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

- E. IF THE REPORTING OFFICER IS THE CHIEF OF STATION, REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED BY HIM TO THE APPROPRIATE AMEMB CHIEF IN WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS.

8. IF THE REPORTING OFFICES IS NOT THE CHIEF OF STATION, THE REPORT WILL BE REFERRED TO THE NEXT IN COMMAND FOR REVIEW AND FINALLY TO THE CHIEF OF STATION FOR FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS.

4. UPON RECEIPT OF REPORT IN WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS, THEY WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BRANCH CHIEFS PROMPTLY, AND THEN REPEASED TO THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE FOR PERSONNEL FOR RETENTION IN THE PERSONNEL FILE OF THE EMPLOYE.

- A. IF A CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS IS REPORTED UNDER SECTION 6, ONE COPY OF SUCH REPORT WILL BE DETACHED AND SENT TO THE SECURITY OFFICE.

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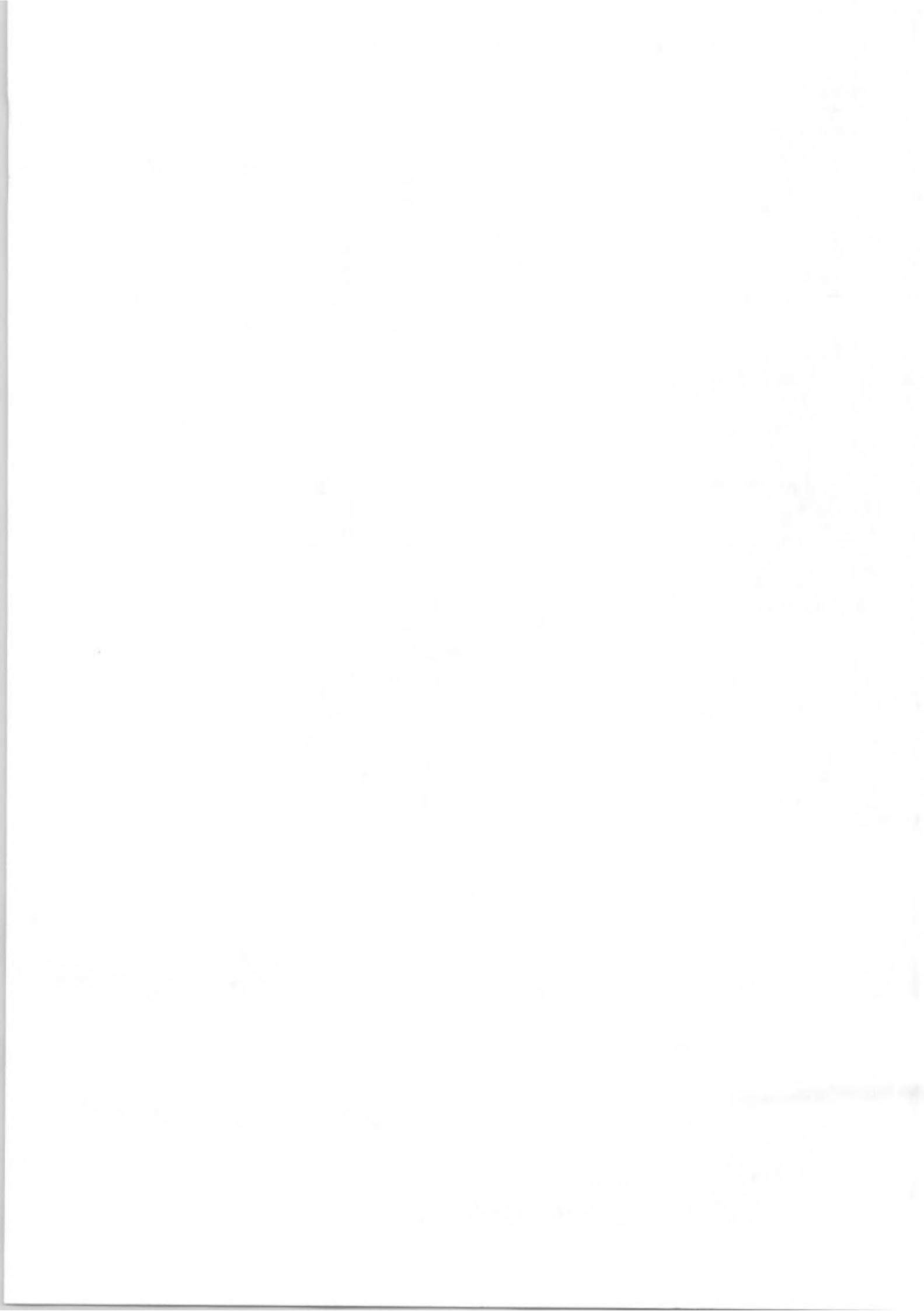
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R. MY PREFERENCE FOR NEXT DUTY AFTER TERMINATION OF CURRENT ASSIGNMENT IS: IF IN US-80 STATE: TYPE OF DUTY LOCATION  
 Continuation in current assignment for another tour of duty planned.

(LIST ONE OR MORE IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)

6. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES IN PERSONAL STATUS SINCE ORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT OR LAST REPORT - WHICHEVER IS LATEST  
 MARITAL STATUS ☐ YES ☒ NO NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS ☐ YES ☒ NO EMERGENCY ADDRESSES ☐ YES ☒ NO LEGAL ADDRESS ☐ YES ☒ NO  
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18 June 1949  
 DATE

*Ben (Kronthal James S.)*  
 SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE

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7. PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT  
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8. IS THIS EMPLOYEE QUALIFIED TO PERFORM ALL PRESENT DUTIES? ☒ YES ☐ NO IS EMPLOYEE BETTER QUALIFIED FOR OTHER DUTIES? ☐ YES ☒ NO IF NO, WHAT DUTY OR DUTIES

DO YOU CONCUR IN EMPLOYEE'S DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES UNDER SECTION 2? ☒ YES ☐ NO IF NO, EXPLAIN IN SECTION 11  
 HAS EMPLOYEE STRIVEN FOR PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT? ☒ YES ☐ NO DO YOU RECOMMEND EMPLOYEE FOR PROMOTION? ☒ YES ☐ NO IF SO, TO WHAT GRADE AND FOR WHAT POSITION?

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RATING FACTORS	NOT OBSERVED	VEH. IMPAC. TORY	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCEL. BEST	OUTSTANDING
A. ABILITY TO WORK AND GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE					X		
B. INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM IN WORK							X
C. SECURITY CONSCIOUSNESS							X
D. ABILITY TO GRASP INSTRUCTIONS AND PLANS							X
E. ATTENTION TO DUTY							X
F. JUDGMENT AND COMMON SENSE							X
G. ABILITY TO OBTAIN RESULTS AND GET THINGS DONE						X	
H. DISCRETION							X
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11. ENTER HERE ANY DESIRED REMARKS PERTAINING TO PARTICULAR QUALIFICATIONS OR LACK THEREOF WHICH ARE CONSIDERED PERTINENT TO THE EVALUATION OF THIS EMPLOYEE. OUTSTANDING ASSETS AND/OR SERIOUS LIMITATIONS SHOULD BE STATED ALSO REASONS FOR AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO REASSIGNMENT WILL BE GIVEN IF APPROPRIATE TO THIS REPORT.

*In the year since the last reporting period, subject has improved the quality of intelligence production from the station. Further, as he has gained confidence in performing his job, so his relations with his colleagues have demonstrably improved. He has shown leadership and*

21 July 1949

*Richard Helms*  
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER

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- B. UPON RELIEF OR REASSIGNMENT OF REPORTING SENIOR.
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  - (2) TYPICAL PERFORMANCE, NOT ON AN ISOLATED STRIKING INCIDENT.
  - (3) EXAMPLES RELEVANT TO THE CHARACTERISTIC UNDER CONSIDERATION.
- (A) THE EFFICIENCY REPORT IS TO BE USED TO RATE ALL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. BUT REPORTING OFFICERS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT DIFFERENT STANDARDS PREVAIL IN DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENTS WHEREAS IT IS NECESSARY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER POSSESS INITIATIVE, THIS SAME TRAIT IS NOT ALWAYS DESIRABLE, EXCEPT IN A MINOR WAY, FOR A TYPIST. THE RATINGS AND EVALUATIONS SHOULD BE IN REFERENCE TO THE JOB - THE ACTUAL WORK ASSIGNMENT FOR WHICH THE PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE IS BEING PAID. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ARRIVE AT A JUST ESTIMATE OF THE QUALITIES OF THE PERSON REPORTED ON FOR THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE REPORT. AVOID EXAGGERATIONS AND SUPERLATIVES. THEY DETRACT FROM THE VALUE OF A REPORT AND ARE UNFAIR TO OTHERS.
- B. BIASED OPINIONS BASED ON PERSONAL LIKES AND DISLIKES MUST BE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE PREPARATION OF EFFICIENCY REPORTS IS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF ALL SUPERVISORS OF EMPLOYEES, AND THE ACCURATE AND TRUE EVALUATIONS EXPRESSED THEREIN ARE A DIRECT REFLECTION UPON HIS OWN ABILITY AND QUALIFICATION FOR THE POSITION HE HOLDS.
- C. NO REPORTS WILL BE RENDERED COVERING PERIODS OF LESS THAN 60 DAYS OBSERVED SERVICE.
4. REPORTS WILL NORMALLY BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL; HOWEVER, THE CLASSIFICATION MAY BE RAISED IF DEEMED ADVISABLE BY RATING OFFICER.
- D. REPORTS WILL NEVER BE SHOWN TO THE EMPLOYEE REPORTED ON.

#### DISPOSITION OF REPORTS

1. REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH CHIEF IN WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.
  2. IF THE REPORTING OFFICER IS THE CHIEF OF STATION, REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED BY HIM TO THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH CHIEF IN WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS.
  3. IF THE REPORTING OFFICER IS NOT THE CHIEF OF STATION, THE REPORT WILL BE REFERRED TO THE NEXT IN COMMAND FOR REVIEW AND FINALLY TO THE CHIEF OF STATION FOR FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS.
  4. UPON RECEIPT OF REPORT IN WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS, THEY WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BRANCH CHIEFS PROMPTLY AND THEN REFERRED TO THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE FOR PERSONNEL FOR RETENTION IN THE PERSONNEL FILE OF THE EMPLOYEE.
  - A. IF A CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS IS REPORTED UNDER SECTION 8, ONE COPY OF SUCH REPORT WILL BE DETACHED AND SENT TO THE SECURITY OFFICE.
- NY DESIRED REMARKS OF REVIEWING OFFICER AND/OR CHIEF OF STATION

*imagination in running the station. The job of work which he has performed in the last two years of cleaning up the remnants of wartime and immediate post-war operations has been outstanding.*



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OCT 14 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ATTENTION: Mr. Fisher Howe

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for Quarters and Services Furnished  
[REDACTED]

In accordance with the Department's Airgram No. 104, dated July 6, 1948, and Foreign Service Serial No. 813, our representative at [REDACTED] Mr. James S. Kronthal, has entered into an agreement with the American Consul at [REDACTED] to reimburse the Department, on an annual basis, the sum of \$1,086.40 for the estimated cost of rent, fuel, electricity, telephone, and cleaning of office quarters which the Department is furnishing our representative at [REDACTED]. In order to avoid a distinction between our employees and those of the Department in Switzerland it has been requested that reimbursement be made in Washington.

Airgram No. A-256, dated September 24, 1948, requests that the Department forward to the Consulate in Geneva an unclassified message approving the lease of additional space for our use, and increasing the allotment for such purposes in an amount sufficient to cover the cost. Representatives of the Division of Foreign Buildings Operations have requested that we provide reimbursement in a manner which will not impair the Division's established allotments.

This Agency is prepared to make reimbursement in a manner suitable to the Department. However, it appears that the appropriate method of effecting reimbursement, which will not impair established allotments to the Division of Foreign Buildings Operations, is a matter for decision by the Division of Foreign Service Planning. We therefore request that this matter be referred to the Division of Foreign Service Planning directly, or that a conference between members of the Division of Foreign Service Planning and representatives of this Agency be arranged in order that the question of the appropriate method of reimbursement be resolved.

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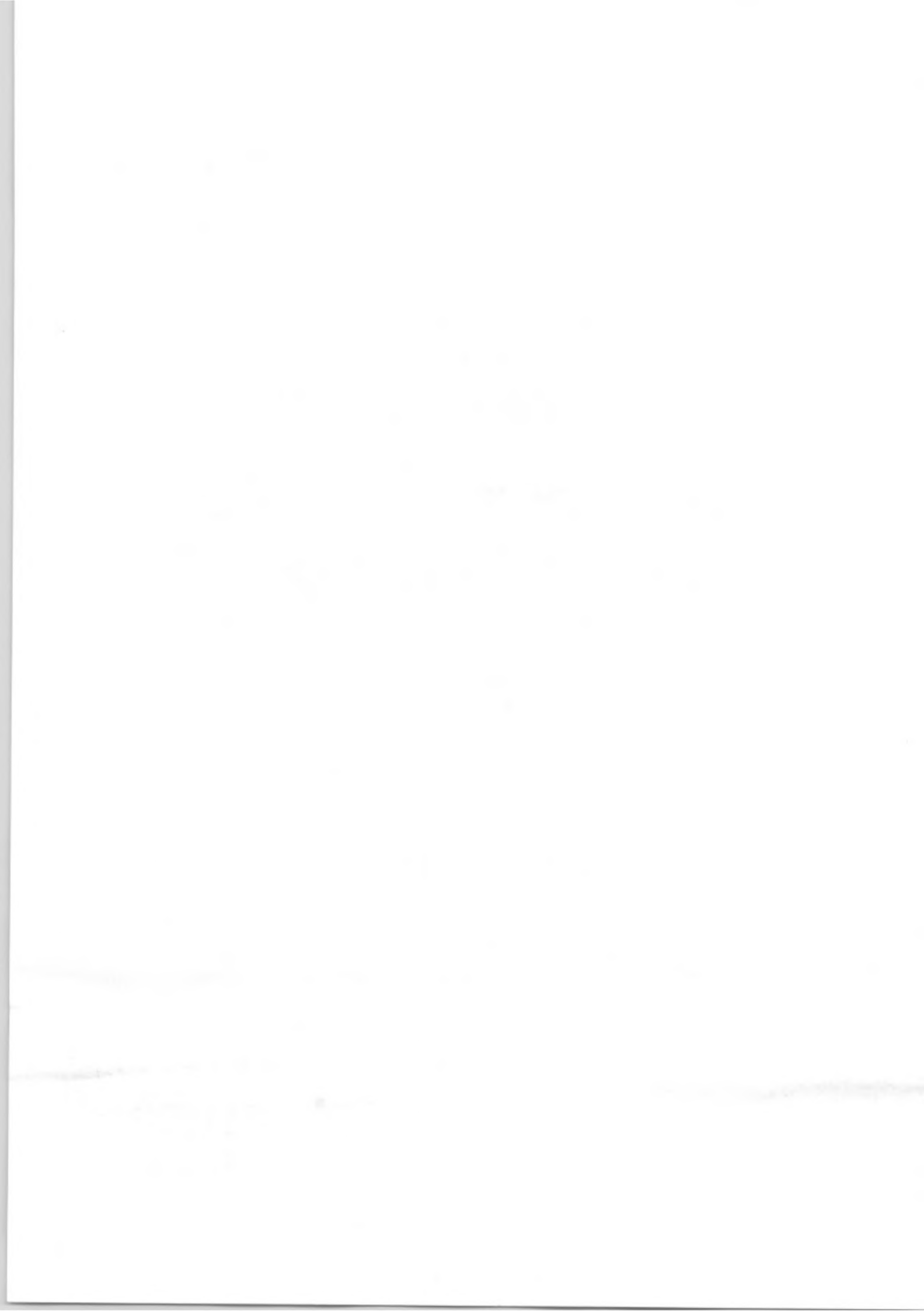
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ALAN H. McCRACKEN  
Acting, Assistant Director

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JAN 25 1960

AIR

JAMES S. KRONTHAL

Administrative

Travel Voucher - [REDACTED]

1. This is to advise subject that we have this date deposited the sum of \$147.36 to his bank account in reimbursement for travel expenses incurred for the period 31 October 1959 to 2 January 1960

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ADMIN

Richard Holmes

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LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR			
KIMONATH, JAMES S.		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		5/5/77		[REDACTED]		1950			
MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		MONTH	PAY PER. NO.		
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JANUARY	7	4	40	JULY	9	4	40	JANUARY	7	4	40	JULY	9	4	40
FEBRUARY	4	4	40	AUGUST	19	16	64	FEBRUARY	4	4	40	AUGUST	19	16	64
MARCH	4	4	40	SEPTEMBER	16	64	148	MARCH	4	4	40	SEPTEMBER	16	64	148
APRIL	1	8	45	OCTOBER	14	64	164	APRIL	1	8	45	OCTOBER	14	64	164
MAY	6	4	45	NOVEMBER	11	64	180	MAY	6	4	45	NOVEMBER	11	64	180
JUNE	2	4	45	DECEMBER	9	64	196	JUNE	2	4	45	DECEMBER	9	64	196
TOTAL		344		TOTAL		344		TOTAL		344		TOTAL		344	
BAL. FORWARDED		131.578		BAL. FORWARDED		131.578		BAL. FORWARDED		131.578		BAL. FORWARDED		131.578	
YR. ACCRUAL		205.120		YR. ACCRUAL		205.120		YR. ACCRUAL		205.120		YR. ACCRUAL		205.120	
TOTAL TAKEN		267		TOTAL TAKEN		267		TOTAL TAKEN		267		TOTAL TAKEN		267	
BALANCE		76.990		BALANCE		76.990		BALANCE		76.990		BALANCE		76.990	
REMARKS															
100% in duty 1/1/50 to 1/1/52															
90% in duty 1/1/52 to 1/1/53															
COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD															
ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY															
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LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR			
Standard Form No. 1137		General Regulations No. 103													



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SECURITY INFORMATION

FUNDS PERSONNEL ACTION

NAME		James Spoor-Kronthal	
NATURE OF ACTION		Promotion	
DATE	2 October 1951	EFFECTIVE DATE	11 November 1951

TITLE	Int'l. Off. Chief of Station	FROM	Int'l. Off. (Chief of Station)
GRADE AND SALARY	GS-14, \$2000		GS-15, \$10,800
OFFICE	OSO		OSO
DIVISION	FDM		FDM
BRANCH			
OFFICIAL STATION	Berne, Switzerland		Berne, Switzerland

QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER	
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DATE OF OFFICE AND NO STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON		
SECURITY CLEARED ON		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED		
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

Slot No.

REMARKS:

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OFFICIAL DISPATCH

AIR

VIA:

SPECIFY AIR OR SEA ROUTE

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CLASSIFICATION

DISPATCH NO.

23 January 1952

DATE:

TO

FROM : Finance Division

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Administrative

SPECIFIC - Hospitalization Claim -

We have deposited a check in the amount of \$178.00 to subject's bank account in reimbursement of hospitalization claim as follows:

Hospitalized 19 - 27 August 1951 (number)

Hospital Room (8 days @ \$6.00)	\$48.00
Actual \$44.00	
Hospital Extras	30.00
Actual \$31.33	
Dr.'s Fee (appendectomy)	100.00
Actual \$137.61	
	\$178.00

It does not appear that the justification furnished in reference would be sufficient reason for the agency to pay the total expense of subject's hospitalization for operation since U. S. Government hospitals are now charging \$11.00 to \$12.00 per day for hospitalization of civilians.

If you are of the opinion that this is a compensable case, we suggest that subject resubmit his claim on the necessary compensation consideration forms which will be forwarded to the Medical Officer for consideration.

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AFFIDAVIT  
STRIKING AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Central Intelligence Group  
(Dept. or Estab.)

(Bureau or Office)

Washington, D.C.  
(Place of Employment)

I, JAMES S. KRONTHAL, do hereby swear (or affirm)

that I am not engaged in any strike against the Government of the United States and that I will not so engage while an employee of the Government of the United States; that I am not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, and that I will not while a Government employee become a member of such an organization.

James S. Kronthal  
(Signature of Employee or Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of October, 1946, at Washington, State of D.C.

Appointment Clerk

Chapter 145, Title II, Sec. 200  
Act of June 26, 1943

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IRÁ B. KAPLIN  
52-15 FLUSHING AVENUE  
MASPETH, L. I., N. Y.

SOLD  
TO

Washington, D. C.

CARGO NO. 12385-A

A/C  
James S. Kronthal

Date 7 July 1947

Quantity	PACK	PRICE	EXTENSION
		8.75	
		.25	
		.60	
		\$9.60	
<p>CARTAGE: Delivery to Pier 59, N.R. S.S. Parkersburg Victory on 6/24/47</p> <p>MARKING: 1 Case @ 25¢ per case</p> <p>HANDLING OUT: 607 lbs. @ 10¢ cwt.</p> <p>TOTAL.....\$9.60</p> <p><b>APPROVED FOR RELEASE</b></p> <p>3/00 03</p> <p>1947 JUL 14 12 31</p> <p>RECEIVED LINDS BRANCH</p> <p>OUR REGISTER NO. 1395</p>			

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11 JULY 1947

Cargo 12385-A, James S. Kronthal.

1. Attached is bill from Ira B. Kaplan dated 7 July 1947 in amount of \$9.60 covering cartage, marking and handling out on Cargo 12385-A, personal effects of James S. Kronthal.

2. It is requested that reimbursement be effected in accordance with "transfer letter" dated 21 April 1947 covering subject individual.

Chief,

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15 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT: Service in the Field of U. S. Intelligence

In compliance with undated memorandum, your office, subject as above, attached is record of Intelligence Service of the undersigned.

JAMES S. KNOX

Assistant Deputy Director of Training (Special)

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LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR	
Kronthal, James S.		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		6577		5/5/47		OSC		1952	
MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		SICK	HRS. TAKEN	HRS. ACCL.	HRS. TOTAL	DATE	TYPE	HRS. TOTAL	W-AUT-SUSPENDED		BAL.
		TAKEN	ACCL.								PERIOD	HOURS	
JANUARY	5	-	-	-	54	-	54						
FEBRUARY	2	-	-	-	62	-	62						
MARCH	1	✓	✓	✓	74	-	74						
APRIL	2	✓	✓	✓	82	✓	82						
MAY	10	✓	✓	✓	90	✓	90						
JUNE	7	✓	✓	✓	98	✓	98						
REMARKS: <i>9 yrs over 17 days</i> <i>12/3/52</i> <i>9 yrs over 17 days</i>													
YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS) BAL. FWD/2020: 436 782 BAL. FWD/2021: 436 782 YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS): 615/42													
COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD PAY PER. NO. 5 HRS. TAKEN 54 HRS. ACCL. 54 HRS. TOTAL 108 DATE 12/3/52 TYPE 9 yrs over 17 days HRS. TOTAL 108 W-AUT-SUSPENDED PERIOD 12/3/52 HOURS 108 BAL. 108													





## PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST

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NAME:

James Krouthol

NATURE OF ACTION:

Resignation

EFFECTIVE DATE:

008 8 April 1947

FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS

FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

James S. Krouthol

FROM

TO

TITLE

Intelligence Analyst

P-6

GRADE AND SALARY

P-6 \$7102.20

OFFICE

OSO

BRANCH

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DIVISION

SECTION

OFFICIAL STATION

Washington, D. C.

DEPT. or FIELD

Dept.

REMARKS:

Please transfer leave balances to new funds.

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RECOMMENDED: CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DATE

10 April 1947

FORM NO. 37-3  
OCT 1946

JOB DESCRIPTION:

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SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS REASONS FOR ACTION DATE OF LAST PROMOTION

See copy of attached memo.

APPROVED _____ OFFICE _____ (Field)	APPROVED _____ U.S. OFFICE _____
_____ (Chief of Mission)	_____ (Administrative Officer)
_____ (Security Officer)	_____ (Branch Chief)
_____ (Funds Officer)	_____ (Chairman, Pers. Review Com.)
_____ (Funds Officer)	_____ (Funds Officer)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
NEW WAR DEPARTMENT BUILDING  
21st and VIRGINIA AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*May 15 1947*  
(date)

Dear Mr. *Chubb*:

1. This is to notify you that the United States Government, as represented by the Central Intelligence Group, has accepted your employment effective *5 May 1947*

Position: *Chief of Mission*  
Base Salary: *\$7162.20 per annum*

2. This appointment is not a Civil Service position. You will be entitled to annual and sick leave (only in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations). You will be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, as amended. If stationed outside the continental limits of the United States, you will be granted such monetary allowances as are prescribed by CIG regulations.

3. If you are ordered to a station outside the continental United States, you will be required to serve a minimum period of twenty-four months at such a station. If you wish to resign or terminate your appointment or return to the United States before the expiration of twenty-four months after the date of departure for an overseas post, CIG will not pay your return travel expenses from a station outside the United States.

4. Your appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of CIG. Notice of termination will be given you by procedure similar to that provided by Civil Service rules and regulations.

[REDACTED]

ASSISTANT CHIEF, PERSONNEL DIVISION

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ACCEPTED:

*James S. K. [Signature]*

(1014)



*W. J. [unclear]*

13 MAY 1947

Section

Travel Expenses

Herewith invoice for one seat on American Airlines from New York to Geneva via London for use of James B. Knechtel. It is requested that you furnish this office a check in the amount of \$386.45 made payable to Thos. Cook & Son to cover cost of same.

Director's approval on hand in this office.

*Res. John Walsh*

[Redacted]

Captain, ACD  
Chief, Transportation Section

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## FUNDS PERSONNEL ACTION

NAME  
KRONTHAL, James S.

DATE

8 November 1949

NATURE OF ACTION

Conversion - Classification Act of 1949 \*

EFFECTIVE DATE

30 October 1949

TO

Intelligence Officer GS-14  
Chief of Station

FROM

Intelligence Officer CAF-14

TITLE

GRADE AND SALARY

CAF-14 \$8808.75

GS-14 \$9000.00

OFFICE

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FDM

FDM

DIVISION

OFFICIAL STATION

QUALIFICATIONS

FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE

CLASSIFICATION

PERSONNEL OFFICER

POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS

☐ YES  
☐ NO

DATE OF OFFICE AND NO STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON

SECURITY CLEARED ON

OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED

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REMARKS:

\*Per authority contained in Ltr. - DCI - 28 October 1949.

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FORM NO. 37-1 PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE NOT TO BE USED.

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

6 February 2020

Mr. Joseph Lloyd  
MuckRock News  
DEPT MR 48582  
411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Reference: F-2018-00881

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

This is a final response to your 10 February 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all material [the Central Intelligence Agency] holds on James Speyer Kronthal. **A CIA officer who committed suicide in 1953 after working for several years as a Soviet agent inside the agency.** We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended.

Our processing included a search for records that would reveal a publicly acknowledged Agency affiliation existing up to and including the date the Agency started its search and located one document which we determined can be released in its entirety. A copy of the document is enclosed at Tab A. We also determined that 32 documents can be released in segregable form with deletions made on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and/or (b)(3) and/or (b)(6). Copies of the documents are enclosed at Tab B. In addition, we conducted a search of our previously released records and located 88 documents which were located in connection with an earlier search for records on the same subject. Copies of the documents are enclosed at Tab C. Please be advised that we conducted a thorough and diligent search in an effort to locate full text versions of these documents but unfortunately were unsuccessful. Although our searches were reasonably calculated to locate the relevant documents, and it is highly unlikely that repeating those searches would change the result, you nevertheless have the legal right to appeal the finding of no full-text versions of the documents responsive to your request. Therefore, we are enclosing the copies of the documents as previously reviewed.

Additional material was located which we determined remains currently and properly classified and must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

With respect to any other records, in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security

Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

During our searches we located material that was not originated by the CIA. This material appears to be relevant to your request and has been referred to the originating agency(s) for review and direct response to you.

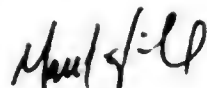
As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. Please note, contacting CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

To contact <b>CIA</b> directly or to appeal the CIA's response to the Agency Release Panel:	To contact the Office of <b>Government Information Services (OGIS)</b> for mediation or with questions:
Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505 Information and Privacy Coordinator (703) 613-3007 (Fax) (703) 613-1287 (CIA FOIA Public Liaison / FOIA Hotline)	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001 (202) 741-5770 (877) 864-6448 (202) 741-5769 (Fax) <a href="mailto:ogis@nara.gov">ogis@nara.gov</a>

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact the CIA's FOIA Hotline at (703) 613-1287.

Sincerely,



Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

Tab A

## CIA Man Found Dead In 32d Street Home; Note Implies Suicide

Administrative Post  
Paid Him Over \$10,000  
A Year; Police Cautious

An administrative official of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency was found dead today in his fashionable Georgetown home.

The body of James S. Kronthal, 41, of 1662 Thirty-second street N.W., was found about 10:30 a.m., but it was nearly 1 p.m. before homicide police, exercising unusual caution, would give out details.

Lt. Lawrence Hartnett of the homicide squad said Mr. Kronthal's body was stretched fully clothed except for a coat on a bed in the larger of two second-floor bedrooms.

### Note Implies Suicide.

On a bed stand police found an empty clear-glass vial and a page-long, handwritten note "indicating likely suicide," Lt. Hartnett said. He refused to divulge the note's contents a standard police practice.

A spokesman for the CIA said only that Mr. Kronthal was employed in an "administrative capacity." He refused to say whether it involved the handling of matter involving the national security. His salary was more than \$10,000 a year.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald went to the home to assist in the investigation. He refused to comment on the cause of death pending an autopsy this afternoon.

### Found by Other CIA Men.

Two other employees of CIA, Gould Cassal, 43, of 3445 Thirtieth street N.W., and McGregor Gray, 31, of 4501 Walsh street, Chevy Chase, Md., discovered the body after Mr. Kronthal failed to report to his office.

An hour earlier, a maid had begun her work downstairs, unaware Mr. Kronthal was dead.

One policeman said death apparently occurred about 12 hours before the body was found. There were no marks of violence.

### Agency Works With Police.

The CIA was working closely with the police in the investigation.

Following close-lipped practice, the CIA revealed little about Mr. Kronthal. He had worked at the agency "two or three years."

A native of Deal, N. J., he was born August 21, 1912. He was graduated from Yale University in 1934 and obtained a degree from Harvard University in 1941.

Police said he had relatives living outside the city, but none in this vicinity.

## Certificate Waits CIA Officer Found Dead, Vial Nearby

An "important" administrative officer in the hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency was found dead in his Georgetown home yesterday, with an empty vial beside his body.

Police said the circumstances and a page-long letter to a friend pointed to suicide.

The body of James S. Kronthal, 40, of 1662 32d st. nw., was found about 11 a.m. by two friends from CIA.

Police said the maid, Mrs. Lavinia Thomas, of 2813 N st. nw., arrived as usual at 8:30 a.m. at the attractive, white brick home where Kronthal lived alone. She found a brief note from Kronthal, asking her not to disturb him because he wanted to sleep late. She went about her work.

When Kronthal failed to report to his office, CIA telephoned the house and asked that he be aroused. Police said Mrs. Thomas called out and got no answer, but hesitated to disturb her employer because of the note.

According to police, Gould Cassal, of 3445 36th st. nw., and McGregor Gray, of 4501 Walsh st., Chevy Chase, came to investigate. Police said they found Kronthal's body, full-clothed except for a coat, on a day bed in his second-floor bedroom. An empty vial was on the floor.

Homicide Lieut. Lawrence Hartnett said investigators found a hand-written letter to a male friend indicating Kronthal was "mentally upset because of pressure connected with work."

An autopsy indicated Kronthal died between 10 p.m. and midnight Monday. Actual cause had not been determined last night.

Dr. A. Magruder MacDonald, District coroner, withheld a death certificate pending chemical analysis.

Kronthal, believed to have been unmarried, was a former assistant instructor at Harvard and a former Army captain. He entered the State Department in March, 1947, and served as an attache in Bern, Switzerland. Records show he left the department in May, 1952.

According to a CIA spokesman, the CIA declined to say when Kronthal joined the staff. A spokesman said he served in an "administrative capacity" and his job was "important."

Kronthal was born in Deal,



JAMES KRONTHAL.

## Police Await Report By Chemist in Death Of Intelligence Man

The cause of the death of James S. Kronthal, Central Intelligence Agency administrative officer, will remain a mystery until police receive a report on a chemical analysis.

Mr. Kronthal, 40, was found dead yesterday morning on an upstairs bed in his Georgetown home at 1662 Thirty-second street N.W.

On the table near the bed was a handwritten note which Lt. Lawrence Hartnett said may have explained the case with words that Mr. Kronthal "mentally upset because of pressure connected with work."

On the same table was an empty glass vial. Unable to determine what had been in it, Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald ordered the chemical analysis, which may not be completed before next week.

Following its practice, the CIA revealed nothing of Mr. Kronthal's work there the last two or three years except that he was in an administrative capacity. His salary was more than \$10,000.

Tab B

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31 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: James Kronthal.

1. Shortly before noon 31 March 1953 the Personnel Director received a call from Colonel Edwards, Security Officer, CIA, advising that subject individual had been found dead at his residence at about 10:30 AM the same day. Colonel Edwards advised that an empty vial had been found by the body and the presumption was that subject had taken poison.

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2. Shortly after twelve noon the Personnel Director called Doctor

[redacted] is subject's brother-in-law and he was called in preference to subject's next of kin, his Mother, since it was understood the Mother is in poor health. [redacted] was told that subject had committed suicide. The Personnel Director said he did not know the method used, but was sure he had not shot himself. The Personnel Director also indicated that he did not know the details at that time. [redacted] was asked to break the news to the subject's Mother. [redacted] agreed to do this, but wanted his wife, subject's sister, to be present at that time.

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3. At 2:15 PM [redacted] called back and talked to Mr. Claxon. He said he had not talked with the Mother as yet and asked if there were any other details. Mr. Claxon promised to call him back and after talking with Colonel Edwards he was called back at 2:30 PM. [redacted] was advised that the presumption was that subject had committed suicide by taking poison, since an empty vial had been found by his bed. The coroner must examine to determine cause. The body is in the morgue and after autopsy will be turned over to the undertaker of the family's choice.

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4. [redacted] was further advised that Agency officials were working closely with the Metropolitan Police and that as soon as the autopsy was performed and the body released that someone from CIA would again be in touch with him.

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5. While Colonel Edwards had indicated that there had been a personal note left for an acquaintance of subject, no mention was made of this to [redacted] since it presumably has no bearing on his family relationships.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT

Agency Response to Senator Helms

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The attached draft contains the substance of a CIC response to Senator Jesse Helms on a number of espionage cases and related CI issues. SAD contributed to the final product but has no further action.

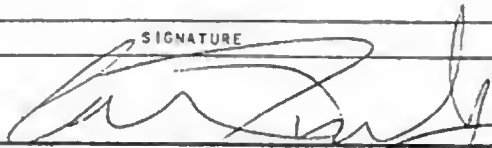
Appropriate SAD records & security files will be documented.

One OS reservation was expressed by DD/PS re language about Krenthal being looked at several times previously — was this an exaggeration. This comment was relayed to CIC/SG after the final letter was sent to the Hill.

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Senator David L. Boren, Chairman  
Senator William S. Cohen, Vice Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6475

Dear Senators Boren and Cohen:

In response to your letter of January 16, 1990, I have addressed the issues raised by Senator Helms in his letter to you dated October 18, 1989.

Regarding the likelihood that CIA and the State Department have been penetrated by Soviet or other hostile intelligence services, regardless of the results of any competitive analysis, and even in the absence of clear evidence to suggest it, we must assume that to be the case. The issue of penetration of CIA in general, absent specific indicators on which to base a particular investigation, is handled via reinvestigations of employees periodically throughout their career and via other vetting procedures which include routine use of the polygraph tailored to counterintelligence issues as exemplified in the case of Sharon Scranage. More classic investigation occurs on a case-by-case basis, as you correctly note, and requires that there be some specific indicator that a compromise has taken place so that analysis might begin to determine its source. Since espionage is a clandestine activity intended not to be discovered, and since constitutional provisions prohibit monitoring the activities of American citizens who are not already of counterintelligence concern for some reason, the majority of leads to perpetrators of espionage come to our attention from defectors such as Yurchenko, sensitive sources still working in place, friendly foreign intelligence services with similar sources or as by-products of operations abroad directed against hostile intelligence services, [redacted]

Virtually every such lead involving an American, whether firmly identified or not and regardless of the source of the lead information, is consistently provided to the FBI which has primary responsibility for investigating Americans and which has law enforcement authority. If the subject of a lead is active duty military, the information is also shared with the appropriate service. Within CIA skilled analysts from both the Counterintelligence (b)(1) (b)(3)



Center and the Office of Security maintain close liaison in person and through correspondence with counterparts at the FBI and the counterintelligence components of State and other agencies to exchange data and compare analyses during the course of espionage research and investigations.

Concerning the five cases of "probable" espionage alleged by Senator Helms, those of James Kronthal and John Paisley were thoroughly examined on repeated occasions over the years and absolutely no evidence was ever found to substantiate the highly speculative and sensationalist media allegations to the effect that these two individuals were long-time "moles" inside the CIA. In 1979, for example, in response to suggestions from the SSCI and PFIAB to open a post mortem investigation of Paisley, the FBI reviewed all available data and concluded definitively that Paisley had made no voyages to the Soviet Union while he was a member of the Merchant Marine as had been alleged, and it fully supported CIA's own analysis in all respects. Furthermore, in the years since Kronthal's and Paisley's deaths by suicide in 1953 and 1978 respectively, no Soviet defector or other source of information on Americans recruited by the Soviet KGB ever provided lead data which might remotely pertain to Kronthal or Paisley.

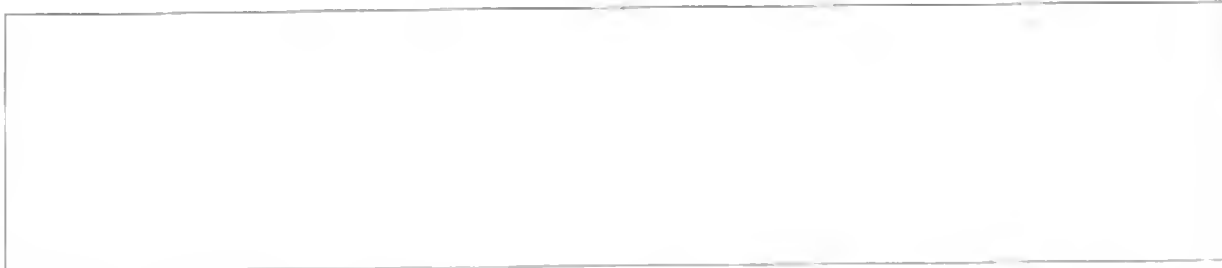
The case of Karel Koecher is a different matter as he was, indeed, an agent of Czech intelligence since 1962 who was exposed in 1982. He had been (b)(1)  
directed to gain employment on the staff of any U.S. senator or (b)(3)  
with a component of U.S. intelligence. The circumstances of his duplicity, arrest and subsequent exchange are all well known and in the public domain.

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Sincerely,

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

Kronthal copy

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)				
Request for a Report within the Intelligence Community				
FROM:		EXTENSION	NO.	
Raymond M. Reardon Chief, Counterintelligence Center, Security Group			DATE 22 January 1990 (b)(3)	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
	RECEIVED	FORWARDED		
1. Director of Security	1/22/90	2/2/90		(b)(3)
2. DD/PS	2/5	2/5		(b)(3)
3. C/SAD	2	7		(b)(3)
4. C/SIB		2/7		(b)(3)
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file.

FYI, Dr. Lynch has told Mr. Reardon he does not intend to provide input re SEO as he suggested in the attached memorandum.

No SAD action - C/C completed the req. w/ some assistance from [redacted] will send us a copy of the final response.

Democracy is sometimes a scary proposition.




22 January 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

FROM: Raymond M. Reardon  
Chief, Counterintelligence Center,  
Security GroupSUBJECT: Request for a Report within the Intelligence  
Community

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I received a copy of the attached memoranda from the SSCI on 22 January 1990. The Counterintelligence Center (CIC) has been asked to put together an overall response. CIC/INV will be working directly with the Special Activities Division, Office of Security, in providing input to paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 6. In view of some of the other issues raised, such as SEO, I thought you might like the opportunity to provide input to the overall response.

  
Raymond M. Reardon

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Attachment:  
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9	IG				
10	COMPT				
11	D/OCA	X			
12	GC				
13	Chm/NIC				
14	D/PAO				
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Remarks D/OCA will coordinate with C/CI  
and prepare response for DCI signature.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6225

October 18, 1989

Senator David Boren  
Chairman  
Senator William Cohen  
Vice Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senators:

As you know, competitive analysis has been demonstrated by the 1975-1976 A Team-B Team exercise to be beneficial to better intelligence support to protecting our national security. It turns out that the Central Intelligence Agency's benign view of the Soviet military threat in the mid-1970s was far too complacent, but we would never have had available the more accurate warning of the growth of Soviet strategic superiority provided by the B Team had it not been for the exercise of competitive analysis. Contending points of view and varying schools of analysis and interpretation are inevitable in the art of intelligence, and experience has shown that we should encourage competitive analysis.

On September 24, 1986, the Senate unanimously agreed to my amendment to S. 2477, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987, directing the CIA to conduct competitive analysis on 32 important intelligence issues. One of these issues, numbered 24, was "The possibility that the CIA and the State Department have been penetrated by the KGB at various levels." The CIA's classified report to the Senate on this topic was received in 1987. It was, however, only a short and cursory paragraph, and it was not the result of competitive analysis.

Since then there have been five probable espionage cases reported in the media which suggest that the CIA and the State Department should have treated my amendment more seriously.

First, the senior foreign service officer Mr. Felix Bloch has been placed on administrative leave by the State Department because he has detected engaging in unreported contacts with Soviet Intelligence. He is suspected of espionage. These contacts reportedly even included the passing of a briefcase from Mr. Bloch to a known Soviet Intelligence Officer.



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Second, there are recent media reports that the late CIA senior analyst Mr. John Paisley may have been a long-term Soviet mole at the CIA. A recent book has described the details surrounding Mr. Paisley's suspicious death in September, 1978, and the evidence that he might have been recruited during his World War Two Merchant Marine voyages to the Soviet Union to be a long-term Soviet Intelligence mole inside the CIA. Mr. Paisley apparently lied about his wartime visits to the Soviet Union when he entered CIA.

Third, this book also reports that the senior CIA officer Mr. James Speyer Kronthal was a Soviet Intelligence mole inside CIA. Mr. Kronthal apparently committed suicide in 1953, when his treachery was discovered.

Fourth, this book and another recent book have reported the details of the damage caused by the convicted spy Mr. Karl Koecher, a CIA contract employee who was a mole inside the CIA for Soviet/Czech Intelligence.

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Because the CIA and the State Department did not take my original amendment seriously, and because of the subsequent evidence suggesting serious Soviet Intelligence penetrations of the CIA and the State Department, it is clear that counter-intelligence at CIA and the State Department must be strengthened. In accordance with the 1986 Helms amendment, I therefore request that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence require the Director of Central Intelligence, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Secretary of State to submit reports, utilizing the method of competitive analysis, on the following:

1. The reason why the 1987 CIA report on this topic was only cursory and failed to fulfill the original 1986 Senate directive for a competitive analysis of whether the CIA and the State Department were penetrated by Soviet-bloc intelligence services.

✓ 2. The evidence which would determine whether the senior foreign service officer Felix Bloch, the late CIA senior analyst John Paisley, the former CIA contract employee Karl Koecher, the late senior CIA officer James Kronthal, (b)(1)

(b)(3) were spies for Soviet-bloc intelligence services, including any evidence indicating when they may have first begun spying for Soviet-bloc intelligence services.

✓ 3. The circumstances of the detection of Mr. Bloch's, Mr. Paisley's, Mr. Koecher's, Mr. Kronthal's, (b)(1)  
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[redacted] reported dealings with Soviet-bloc intelligence services. (b)(1)  
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✓ 4. The reasons why it took the United States Government an inordinate length of time to suspect Mr. Bloch's, Mr. Paisley's, Mr. Koecher's, Mr. Kronthal's, [redacted] (b)(1)  
[redacted] probable espionage dealings with Soviet-bloc intelligence services. (b)(3)

5. The likelihood that there could be similar, though as yet undetected, cases in the State Department and the CIA suggesting the probability of espionage, including a list of all former and current State Department and CIA employees who have had unreported contacts with Soviet-bloc intelligence services, or were involved in false flag entrapments, or were possibly compromised by Soviet-bloc intelligence services.

✓ 6. An assessment of the possible damage that Mr. Bloch, Mr. Paisley, Mr. Koecher, Mr. Kronthal, [redacted] (b)(1)  
[redacted] may have done to United States foreign policy, (b)(3)  
intelligence, and national security interests by their actions, including an analysis of the damage that they may have done as Soviet-bloc intelligence agents of influence over United States policy.

7. An assessment of whether the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secretary of State, and the Director of Central Intelligence, should establish a joint Security Evaluation Office. The joint Security Evaluation Office would set personnel and physical security standards for all U.S. embassies abroad. These security standards would apply to all personnel of the State Department and all its agencies, and also to all U.S. Government personnel belonging to all U.S. diplomatic missions abroad. These security standards would also apply to all facilities and buildings of all U.S. diplomatic missions. The joint Security Evaluation Office would also monitor the compliance of the State Department and all U.S. mission personnel and facilities with these security standards.

[redacted] (b)(1)  
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9. An assessment of whether each annual security report on each U.S. mission should be forwarded to the State Department Regional Security Officer, to the FBI representative in each mission (where applicable), and to the joint Security Evaluation Office. The joint



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Security Evaluation Office would analyze these reports, make enforcement recommendations, and consolidate the reports and enforcement recommendations for submission to the Chief of Diplomatic Security at the State Department. The Chief of Diplomatic Security would submit the consolidated annual mission security report and enforcement recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security and to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State would use his existing statutory authority to administer and enforce the joint Security Evaluation Office security standards.

10. An assessment of whether the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security should submit the consolidated annual mission security report and enforcement recommendations to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, together with a summary of all enforcement, corrective and disciplinary actions taken.

11. An assessment of whether upon being transferred back to the United States or being posted to any other permanent change of station, all U.S. diplomatic mission country team members at all U.S. embassies should be interviewed on all security issues, including lifestyle, foreign contact reporting, and non-fraternization policy, by State Department diplomatic security officers, and if there is sufficient reason, by the FBI.

I hope that by posing these questions and asking for these competitive analyses and assessments, progress will be made in improving our counter-intelligence. I appreciate the efforts already being made in this area by the SSCI, and I look forward to working with you further toward achieving additional improvements.

Sincerely,



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JESSE HELMS





ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FRONTIER, James Spayer ~~SECRET~~

FROM: <u>OS/PS/SIASSO/SAC/SYS</u>		EXTENSION	NO.
		DATE	25 September 1965
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3. <u>C/SIASSO</u>		<u>10/4/65</u>	
4. <u>IC/RE</u>		<u>10/6</u> <u>10/5</u>	
5. <u>S/OSS</u>		<u>10/6</u> <u>10/6</u>	
6. <u>1-3-13</u>		<u>10/2</u> <u>10/6</u>	
7. <u>1-5-11</u>		<u>10/11/65</u>	
8. <u>DC/ASD</u>		<u>10/16</u>	
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SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer

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A well written and researched case.  
Concur in closing case in SAD.

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## S E C R E T

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The recently-released book Widows, written by William Corson and Joseph and Susan Trento, publishes for the first time the case of an Agency employee, James Speyer Kronthal, who committed suicide on 31 March 1953, in his Georgetown home.

Widows alleges that Kronthal was the first "KGB mole in the CIA," was a homosexual who was blackmailed by the KGB, and that the Agency may have been involved in and quickly covered up the death.

Since 8 May 1989, SAD has been investigating this incident and has determined the following:

(b)(1) \* Subject was and had been involved in homosexual activity,  
(b)(3) was involved in at least one State Department originated investigation into HA and had admitted (b)(1)  
(b)(3)

Subject's forthcoming reinvestigation and polygraph, bouts with depression, and his inclusion on Senator Joseph McCarthy's list of subversive Agency employees, probably contributed to his suicide.

\* There is no evidence to support the allegation that Subject was a mole for the KGB. Subject had not travelled to Germany during the period Widows alleges he was arrested for HA by the Gestapo; therefore, the penetration of the German BND by the Soviet service could not have discovered his HA and used it against him. Subject's job as an analyst did not put (b)(1) him in contact with the Soviets. After his death, there was (b)(3) no Agency concern or investigation into his co-option by the Soviets and no defector sources have reported his supposed misdoings.

\* The Agency had no mechanism for dealing with the suicide of an employee in this early period. There was no "contact" in the DC Police to handle and "cover up" problems with Agency employees. The newspapers heavily reported the death and subsequent events. The case was closed by the Agency, forgotten, and the Security File destroyed in the late 1970's.

A Security File on Subject has been reconstructed, and will be maintained in Information Management Division.

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## S E C R E T

29 September 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Activities Division

FROM:

Special Investigations Branch  
Special Activities Division

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer (U)

1. Subject is a deceased Agency employee who committed suicide in his Georgetown home on 31 March 1953. He is the topic of the first chapter of the recent book Widows, written by William Corson [redacted] and Joseph [redacted] and Susan Trento. This book alleges that Subject, due to his homosexuality, had been co-opted by the Soviet intelligence service, and committed suicide after dining with Allen Dulles. Widows and related items in "Newsweek" and REUTERS news service allege Subject was "The Soviet's First CIA Mole." (Attachments "A&B") Current SAD interest has been to investigate these allegations to reconstruct and document Subject's file. (C)

2. The attached memorandum (Attachment "C") details the initial information gathered by SAD. Subsequent memoranda (Attachment "D") detail the SAD investigation to date. Below are the allegations concerning Subject, as detailed in Widows, and the results of the SAD investigation into these allegations. (C)

3. Allegation #1 -- After Subject's housekeeper could not wake him, Gould Cassal [redacted] and [redacted] "from the CIA's Office of Security," arrived and discovered the body. Widows alleges that "the speed with which the Office of Security arrived at the Kronthal home adds some support" to the theory that DCI Allen Dulles may have approved an "executive action" to eliminate Subject upon finding Subject had been compromised and turned. (U)

In fact, Cassal and [redacted] were not from the Office of Security. In a 13 June 1989 SAD interview with [redacted] (Attachment "E"), he explained that both he and Cassal had been assigned to the Office of Training. Subject was the chief of Covert Training. (S)

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[redacted], also of the Office of Training, concerned when Subject did not arrive for work and was late for an important meeting, asked Cassal to go to his house and get him. Cassal's car was in the shop, so he asked [redacted] to drive. Both arrived at the home, met with the maid, and had coffee while waiting for Subject to awake. When he did not rouse, [redacted] went to Subject's room, finding the body. (C)

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4. Allegation #2 -- Subject was found by both men, "his fully clothed body lying on a daybed. His jacket was off, but he still had on a shirt and tie. An empty vial was found on the floor. The two security men followed standard procedure and called the CIA's unofficial liaison in the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department." (U)

[redacted] stated that he alone entered the room, leaving Cassal downstairs. As he entered the room, he saw Subject in his pajamas, in bed. (A contemporary newspaper report says he was fully clothed, except for a coat) Subject had laid a linen towel lengthwise across his upper chest and was "obviously dead." On the table next to him was a little vial and an envelope addressed to Richard Helms (This is borne out in contemporary newspaper reports). [redacted] returned downstairs and informed Cassal, who called Helms (then Chief Ops). [redacted] told Helms about the suicide and asked for advice. Helms told [redacted] to call the police and he would dispatch Sheffield Edwards (then D/OS). [redacted] then called the DC police. (S)

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5. Allegation #3 -- Lt Lawrence Hartnett, head of the DC Police Homicide Squad, investigated the suicide and was an unofficial troubleshooter for the CIA, who in turn, supplied him with intelligence on local politicians. (U)

December 1983 interviews with Hartnett by William Corson, and mentioned in the 2 February 1984 letter from Robert Crowley [redacted] (Attachment "F"), Corson's co-author in The New KGB, remark that Hartnett conducted the investigation at Subject's home on 31 March 1953. This letter claims Hartnett threatened [redacted] and Cassal with arrest for searching the house prior to his arrival, thereby disturbing the crime scene. Arresting the persons you are covering up for does not appear to be the action of someone "in the know." (S)

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[ ] remembers that it was only minutes until the police arrived. He and Cassal had returned to the kitchen table and left the scene undisturbed. When Hartnett arrived he was told Subject's name and that he worked for CIA. Hartnett did not know what the Agency was and confused it with the Civil Aviation Administration (CAA). [ ] was amazed that there were no established procedures for incidents involving Agency employees. Of Hartnett, [ ] remarked; "He didn't know what CIA was....My impression of the man was that he wasn't a very bright bulb." Certainly, it does not seem that Hartnett cleaned up "messes" for the Agency and covered up what they "wanted hidden," especially in light of the fact that the Washington newspapers picked up so much information about the suicide. (C)

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6. Allegation # 4 -- The DC Police retrieved two notes at Subject's home -- one to Richard Helms, one to Allen Dulles. The note to Helms remarked that Subject was "mentally upset because of pressure connected with work." Subject had mailed another note to his sister, [ ] in which he confessed his homosexuality and that he worked for the Agency, not the State Department. (U)

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The WASHINGTON POST and WASHINGTON STAR articles about the suicide report that Subject left a page-long, handwritten note to "a male friend" on the bedside table indicating he was distraught due to pressure at work. (Attachment "G") No other notes were mentioned. [ ] said he saw only the note to Helms. He also remarked that Cassal had told him Helms revealed the suicide note said "they're after me," supposedly indicating the polygraph and reinvestigation. In an interview with Richard Helms (Attachment "H"), he stated he never received the suicide note, but it was read to him. He further remarked that the note did not go into specific reasons for the suicide other than Subject was distressed about work. (S)

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The Crowley letter refers to the DC police report, housed at the National Records Center (NRC) in Suitland, Maryland, which refers to suicide "notes" addressed to Helms, Dulles, and Subject's sister. The DC Police state that they only store homicide reports a total of 27 years at Police Headquarters and NRC. Suicide reports are retained only a total of 10 years. At the latest, the report on Subject's death would have been kept only until late 1980. According to the police, the report on Subject's suicide no longer exists. (Attachment "I") (S)

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SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer

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The Crowley letter also mentions statements from Subject's sister and notes that she was the recipient of one of the suicide notes. [redacted] was very ill in 1983, and still believes the Agency arranged her brother's death. (S)

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7. Allegation #5 -- Subject was a homosexual. (U)

There is ample evidence to indicate that Subject was a homosexual or had homosexual tendencies. Subject's sister and cousin knew, according to the Crowley letter, of his tendencies from an early age. Richard Helms admitted in his conversation with ADDO/CI on 8 May 1989 that Subject was thought to be homosexual. (Attachment "J") (S)

The 1951 State Department investigation, conducted by John W. Ford, Director of Security, developed evidence that Subject was a homosexual and obtained a signed statement from another member of [redacted] who engaged in two homosexual acts with Subject. (Attachment "K") The Agency polygraphed Subject in the summer of 1951 and obtained an [redacted] from Subject. Neither the State Department investigative report nor the Agency polygraph report have survived. (S)

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8. Allegation # 6 -- The Soviets, through a penetration of the predecessor to the German BND, obtained information that Subject had been arrested by the Gestapo in the 1930's for homosexual activity. The Soviet service set Subject up and filmed him engaged in homosexual activity. From then until his death, Subject supplied the Soviets with information and the Soviets directed his actions. (U)

Subject's PHS notes that he worked for Speyer & Company as a financial analyst from October 1934 until the company's liquidation in 1938. He then taught Art History at both Harvard and Radcliffe, joining OSS in April 1942. The only travel outside the US Subject reported on his PHS during this time was pleasure travel to Italy, France, and England from June to September 1934. There is no indication that Subject had been to Germany in the time frame alleged. Neither is there any evidence to support the arrest by the Gestapo. (C)

The most damning accusation is the Subject's alleged cooperation with the Soviet intelligence service.

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9. Allegation # 7 -- Subject had dinner with DCI Allen Dulles and upon returning home, committed suicide. (U)

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DCI Dulles' calendars for 31 March 1953 (Attachment "L") note no dinner or evening appointments.

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Rather, he spent the entire day at the White House Cabinet Room in a National Security Council meeting. Normally, dinners, cocktail parties, and other engagements are noted on the DCI's calendar. Becky Rant, of the Executive Registry, who reviewed the Dulles calendars for this study, noted that the 30 March 1953 page (Attachment "L") is representative of DCI Dulles' calendar showing evening appointments. (S)

The exact cause of Subject's death has never been determined, but was listed as "probable suicide." According to [REDACTED] an unmarked vial was found on the nightstand next to the bed. The vial was smaller than a standard pharmacist pill bottle and looked much like one [REDACTED] had seen pictured in OSS training material in the OTR library. [REDACTED] and Westrell both remarked that Subject had used an "L-tablet," the OSS suicide pill. The L-tablet and its follow on, the L-pill, were both cyanide devices meant for quick death when capture or torture were imminent. (S)

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According to OTS/ [REDACTED] cyanide poisoning of this type is painful and will give the body a blue tint. [REDACTED] did not note a blue tint to the body, but a waxy look and some perspiration on the forehead. The DC Coroner's report has since been destroyed, but there is information that a blood sample was analyzed for narcotics by the FBI laboratory. (Attachment "M") Unfortunately, the Stas-Otto test done by the FBI lab does not confirm the use of cyanide, only narcotics and organic poisons. However, similar to the L-pill was the K-pill, used to "knock out" a victim. OTS believes several K-pills would have killed the Subject. Likewise, this drug would not have been found by blood test, but would have been absorbed by the stomach. (S)

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10. Of course, if the "Soviet connection" theory doesn't seem likely, there should be another motive for Subject's suicide. Based on this investigation, it appears that Subject was a homosexual who was soon to be brought into reinvestigation and polygraph in a period when homosexuals and other "sex perverts" were being removed from and denied employment. Subject was also known to have bouts with depression. Additionally, there is information in a 31 March 1953 FBI memorandum (Attachment "N") that Subject's name was on Senator Joseph McCarthy's list of subversive Agency employees.

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All of these factors may have combined, and Subject, feeling he would be ruined professionally and humiliated or persecuted publicly, committed suicide. The newspaper claim of Subject being "upset" because of problems at work would be an appropriate summation of the above events. (S)

11. The Corson Connection -- There have been allegations throughout this investigation that Corson was befriended by Allen Dulles and became an unofficial "troubleshooter" for Dulles. The attached study (Attachment "O") of William Corson, based on a review of his security file, interviews, and writings shows that it is unlikely Corson ever worked for, with, or was attached to the Agency. There is no evidence that he was an insider, and he has never made this claim. (C)

Richard Helms notes that he was a close friend of Allen Dulles, played tennis with him, and saw him on a regular basis and never heard of or saw Corson during the Dulles tenure. Helms severely criticized Corson and remarked that Corson was never an Agency employee, never affiliated with, or assigned to the Agency. He termed these allegations "nonsense." (C)

Harder to disprove is the allegation that Corson may have Allen Dulles' diary, which contains particularly damning information on this case. As the story is told, Corson received the diary from Allen M. Dulles [redacted] the son of the former DCI. The best argument against the diary theory is that Corson has never mentioned it, never used it as a footnote, or as a source. If the diary is the document Corson needs to prove his allegations in Subject's case, it seems absurd that he would not flaunt its contents in print. Mr Helms also doubts this allegation is true. (C)

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12. The Otto John Connection -- There have also been continuing allegations by Ed Sayle, UDAC, [redacted] that Otto John was debriefed by Corson or Justin O'Donnell [redacted] and revealed to them the identity of the Subject as a penetration of the Agency. The attached memorandum (Attachment "P") reviews the O'Donnell's file and notes that he may have cooperated with Corson in a previous book. (S)

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Another memorandum (Attachment "Q") details the case of Edward Hoffer, a Army Counterintelligence Corps civilian, who committed suicide upon Otto John's defection.

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There are similarities between Subject's case and Hoffer, but there is no information concerning a penetration of the Agency in either John's security file or his lengthy 201. There is no information that O'Donnell debriefed John, or was given information on a penetration. Corson's involvement in the debriefing seems unlikely, based on what is known about Corson, as detailed above. (S)

13. Final Aspects -- The information received to date on Subject essentially presents all the facts of the case. The basic information that Subject was an Agency employee was publicly admitted by the Agency after his death.

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A 15 August 1989 interview with Bruce Solie, a former OS/SRS employee, disclosed that he had no part in this particular investigation and could add no information concerning Subject or the Agency investigation in 1953. (C)

On 26 September 1989, Sam Papich, former FBI liaison officer, was interviewed on this case (Attachment "R"). Papich stated that he reported the Subject's suicide to the FBI, however there was no indication that Subject was a "mole" or of any Soviet connection. Papich met with DCI Allen Dulles on 30 March 1953, a day before the suicide, but only as part of his normal liaison duties. (C)

[redacted] OMS, has reviewed Subject's medical file. Dr [redacted] noted that the last entries in the file were for Subject's 1952 physical. This physical recommended only dental work and glasses. There is no indication of depression or any type of psychological counselling in Subject's file, or information on Subject's subsequent suicide. (C)

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14. Based on the information gathered on Subject to date, it is recommended that no further action be taken and this case be closed in SAD. (C)

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The Christian Science Monitor \_\_\_\_\_

The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_

The Washington Post \_\_\_\_\_

The Washington Times \_\_\_\_\_

The Wall Street Journal \_\_\_\_\_

Reuter \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12 May 1989

**FIRST SOVIET MOLE IN CIA DIED AFTER DINING WITH DIRECTOR**

By Michael Posner

WASHINGTON, May 12, Reuter - The Soviet Union's first mole inside the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency died under mysterious circumstances in 1953 after having dinner with then-CIA director Allen Dulles, according to a new book.

Ex-CIA operative William Corson claims in his book "Widows" to reveal for the first time the story of the first high-ranking CIA agent who was also a Soviet spy, American James Speyer Kronthal.

CIA spokeswoman Sharon Basso said "probably we won't comment on it, at least until we see the book." The book, co-authored with investigators Susan and Joseph Trento is due in U.S. bookstores later this month.

Corson, 64, a retired U.S. Marine officer who had been assigned to the CIA as an aide to Dulles, said in an interview the Soviet spy apparatus blackmailed Kronthal to spy for it after he joined the newly created CIA in 1947.

The Soviets, Corson said, had uncovered Nazi records asserting Kronthal, who came from a wealthy New York banking family and sold stolen art for Nazis before the outbreak of World War Two, was a homosexual who liked young boys.

Fearful of being exposed, Kronthal reportedly agreed to serve as a double agent to pass on information to Moscow after he was named CIA station chief in Berne, Switzerland in 1947.

Kronthal had worked for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), forerunner of the CIA, in Berne during World War Two under station chief Dulles, who became CIA director in 1953.

In 1952, Kronthal returned to the United States to help plan a CIA reorganisation, and when that job was nearly over "his Soviet handlers told Kronthal...to press for his appointment to head the clandestine services (of the CIA)," the book said.

"Dulles so trusted Kronthal that he was prepared to give him any post he wanted," it said.

"But the pressures caused by his fear of being exposed as a homosexual and a Soviet agent were beginning to tell. Kronthal became paralyzed by his fear of exposure."

On March 31, 1953, Dulles invited Kronthal to a private dinner to find out what top CIA post he wanted, the book said.

It said no one knows what happened at that dinner but the next day, Kronthal, who had walked to his Georgetown home from Dulles' home nearby, was found dead in bed by a housekeeper and two CIA security men.

An empty vial was found near the bed, but the book said an analysis failed to divulge its ingredients.

Police called the death a suicide.

The authors said murder or suicide could not be determined.

But they speculated that if it were murder, it could have been ordered by Moscow if Kronthal's identity as a mole had been discovered or by the CIA "to send a message to the Soviets that the agency knew the man had been compromised and turned."

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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KRONTHAL, James Speyer (U)					
FROM:		EXTENSION		NO.	
OS/PS/SI&SG/SAD/SIB					
		DATE		17 May 1989	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)		DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	
		RECEIVED		FORWARDED	
1. C/SIB		5/13/			
2. DC. /SAD		5/19/89			
3. C/SAD		5/18			
4. C/SI&SG		5/19/89			
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6. D/OS		5/22 5/23			
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15. Warning Notice Intelligence Sources or Methods Involved					

4-6: Attached for your signature is a case summary to be forwarded to the DCI should you so choose.

Let's discuss the difficult investigation lead - Sullivan res. & Krontal

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Concur in C/SIB approach plus the interview  
of Hartnett, but [ ] if that is feasible.  
Additional lead information concerning the  
Carson-Dalles relationship is now  
being pursued in SAD, possibly leading  
to interviews of Helms & Dave Blee. This  
case will be worked jointly as a SIB &  
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SAD will continue to pursue all available leads.

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Concur in [redacted] on going actions & recommendations, including attempting to obtain a copy of the DC Police report and interviewing [redacted]. Suggest that before we send an officer to Suitland though we first review the Bureau holdings, they may have a copy of the report. If the [redacted] interview is approved, [redacted] can first check with [redacted] for his assessment as to whether [redacted] would be up for an interview (probably could - only 68 yo.).

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The main thrust of this investigation should focus on the development of additional informants who would have been privileged to information concerning Puller, Krontal era. Concur with C/SIB that we should review FBI records prior to going to Suitland & only go + talk with [redacted] due consideration to possible publicity repercussions with Doc credential. I don't see a problem with at least approaching Hamnett for an interview. He can always refuse but he holds the key to some significant information.

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11 May 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Activities Division

FROM:

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Special Investigations Branch  
Special Activities Division

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1. Subject is a deceased Agency employee who committed suicide in his Georgetown home on 31 March 1953. Current SAD interest stems from a request by C/CIC/SG, Ray Reardon, to determine what information OS holds concerning Subject. This memorandum will review the case and document SAD actions.

2. Subject was the topic of a Newsweek article "The Soviet's First CIA Mole," published in the 15 May 1989 issue. (Attachment "A") The article makes reference to the book "Widows," written by William Corson [redacted] and Joseph [redacted] & Susan Trento, which alleges Subject had been co-opted by the Soviets due to his homosexuality.

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3. The [redacted] database contained no information concerning Subject. SRD related that Subject's file had been destroyed in the late 1970's, when many files over 20 years old were purged. Subject's Security File information, due to its age, was never entered in the newly-created [redacted] Subject's polygraph file [redacted] was destroyed in October 1980. There is no information on PD index cards except Subject's file number and the destruction date.

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4. OP/SAS was contacted and the Subject's Personnel File retrieved from [redacted] Subject's OP file contained several WASHINGTON POST articles concerning his suicide, as well as an Agency report on the suicide. (Attachments "B", "C") Information in the file indicates that Subject's housekeeper arrived at his residence at approximately 0830 on 31 March, finding a brief note

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from Subject stating that he would be sleeping late and did not wish to be disturbed. When Subject failed to report to work, the Agency phoned and asked her to wake Subject. The housekeeper called to Subject, but could not rouse him. Two Agency employees, Gould CASSAL and [redacted] were sent to investigate and found the body at approximately 1030 hrs. It was noted that an empty vial was found near the body. The presumption was he had taken poison. Neither the OP file nor the newspaper articles indicate what substance the Subject may have ingested.

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5. C/CIC/SG supplied SAD with a memo dated 8 May 1989 from Gus Hathaway, ADDO/CI, detailing information on Subject received from former DCI Richard Helms. (Attachment "D") Helms noted that Subject was a bachelor and probably a homosexual. He further noted that the polygraph was uncovering HA cases at that time and Subject, feeling that his career would be ruined by a revelation of homosexual activity, committed suicide. There was no thought whatsoever given to him being an agent of the Soviets. It was never determined what substance was in Subject's system. (Though Helms was the addressee of one of Subject's suicide notes, he does not recall ever receiving it.)

6. Ed Sayle, ICS/UDAC was contacted on 16 May 1989 and reported that his information concerning Subject's case came from Paul Gayner, then C/SRS. In August 1954, Sayle was assigned to SRS and Gayner related the following information concerning Subject during a purge of SRS records. It should be noted that much of this information is speculation, and there is no documentary information currently available to connect Subject with the Soviets.

a. Subject traveled to Germany in the 1930's on business and assisted in the marketing of art works confiscated from the German Jews by the Nazis. The Nazis discovered his homosexual proclivities and he was blackmailed. He was a close friend of Allen Dulles, worked with the OSS in Switzerland, and was later the Agency's station chief [redacted]

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b. At the end of WWII, the Soviet forces obtained information from the Nazi files on collaborators and allegedly recruited Subject by threatening to reveal his homosexual activity.

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Among other information, Subject supplied the Soviets with Dulles' unpublished manuscript on how the Germans in Italy were brought to the surrender table in WWII.

d. On 30 March 1953, Subject had dinner with Dulles at Dulles' home. Subject was found dead the next morning at his home.

e. Sayle believes that two WFO agents, including [redacted] then C/WFO, were the first to respond to the scene of the suicide and went about "sanitizing" the home. They were nearly arrested by the DC police. (There is no information in any files to indicate [redacted] ever responded to the scene, or was connected with this case in any way) The DC detective investigating the case (Lawrence Hartnett) was briefed, and continues to speculate the Agency murdered Subject. Corson has interviewed the detective.

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f. Sayle also noted that Corson was a friend of the Dulles family and roomed with Dulles and his wife in Georgetown for a period. (There is one reference in Corson's file to him having known Dulles found in an interview with James J. Angleton by the IG) Corson received Dulles' diary from his son, who wished to ruin his father's reputation. Subject's sister, appalled at his collaboration with the Nazis, assisted Corson in his written account.

g. Sayle states he was told by Gagner that the Bureau may have spotted Subject meeting with his alleged Soviet case officer(s) and reported it to Col. Sheffield Edwards. Edwards briefed Allen Dulles. Dulles confronted Subject with the information, obtaining a confession from Subject during the dinner meeting. Dulles told Edwards, who in turn reported back to the Bureau.

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7. [redacted] C/IG/OS, located the soft file on Subject, created by SAG when William Corson and Robert T. Crowley [redacted] submitted the draft of their book "The New KGB," for Agency publications review. A review of this file revealed the following allegations from the book draft:

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a. On capturing Nazi Germany's files at the end of WWII, the Soviets set about the task of identifying information detrimental to Western governments and military commands.

b. Subject's file was located in old German police records, identifying him as a homosexual.

c. Subject, while employed by a Wall Street firm in international finance, spent four years in the 1930's "fencing" precious art that the Nazis had confiscated from German Jews.

d. Subject traveled to Germany in the late 1930's and was compromised, or entrapped, by the Gestapo while engaged in a homosexual relationship.

e. Subject worked for Dulles in Switzerland while in the OSS, later becoming \_\_\_\_\_ (b)(1)  
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f. The Soviets recruited Subject through entrapment with an "especially imported 'Chinese' boy" and co-opted him into supplying a review of facts on the German surrender.

g. Subject returned to Washington, felt severe stress over revelations of other Soviet espionage cases against the US, and felt his compromise of information was a betrayal of US.

h. On 31 March 1953, Subject had dinner with Allen Dulles at Dulles' home. Following dinner he went home and killed himself

It should be noted that the Publications Review Board (PRB) asked Corson/Crowley to remove this section from the book. The section was edited and re-submitted to PRB. PRB still objected to the section as amended and it was removed from the final publication.

8. Additionally, the SAG soft file held copies of documents, including FBI memoranda pertaining to the case.

a. A 31 March 1953 FBI memo notes Subject's death and claims the Agency cleared him of allegations of homosexuality.

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It also reports that Subject's name was on Senator Joseph McCarthy's list of subversive Agency employees, a fact of which Subject was aware.

b. A 3 April 1953 FBI memorandum concerning an interview with John W. Ford, Director of State Department Security, notes that he conducted an investigation of homosexual activities among CIA and State employees in 1951 and developed evidence that Subject was a homosexual. This evidence included a signed statement from a member of [redacted] who had engaged in two homosexual acts with Subject. (b) (7)(D)

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c. Ford further stated that Subject was polygraphed by the Agency in the early summer of 1951. Ford monitored the test and recalls Subject's

Ford felt Subject was not cashiered because he was a close friend of Allen Dulles and that the Agency felt the activity was in his past.

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d. A 10 April 1953 FBI memo reports that Dr. Magruder MacDonald, DC coroner, reported that Subject's body had been tested for narcotics without result. Two blood samples from Subject were turned over to the FBI Laboratory for analysis. Attached Bureau Lab reports found no poisons in Subject's blood samples.

e. An 8 December 1954 FBI memorandum details an interview with Agency employee George MUSULIN [redacted] Musulin stated that Subject left a suicide letter that the DC Police found and was of the opinion that Sen. McCarthy had obtained a copy. The Agency had kept the original note, but the DC police had kept a copy. This memo also mentioned that Subject learned his name was on Sen McCarthy's list and killed himself, rather than face the publicity.

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9. The SAG soft file contains correspondence between the PRB and Crowley. Crowley, in a 2 February 1984 letter to OGC cites public domain material available concerning Subject's case and reveals this additional information:

a. Corson had interviewed Subject's sister,

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She stated that that Subject's homosexuality was known to her and family members from the time he was 13-14 years old. [redacted] who was ailing at the time, remains convinced Subject was "murdered by agents of the CIA" and was an addressee of one of three suicide notes left by the Subject.

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b. Also interviewed was [redacted] a first cousin of Subject, who related information about Subject's close association with John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles prior to WWII. [redacted] also notes Subject's homosexual preferences since late childhood.

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c. Note is made of DC Metro Police records at the National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland, which contain Police incident reports on Subject's suicide, including three suicide letters, addressed to: Subject's sister, Allen Dulles (then DCI), and Richard Helms (then C/OPs).

d. Corson interviewed Lt. Lawrence Hartnett, DC Metro Police Homicide Squad, in December. Hartnett threatened the two Agency officers ([redacted] Gould Cassal, [redacted]) on the scene with arrest for ransacking the Subject's house and possessions. Hartnett believes this disturbance of the crime scene made any conclusion except suicide unsupportable and still retains his investigation notebook. Hartnett was never satisfied that Subject committed suicide and believes the Subject might have been murdered.

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10. SAD received a copy of "Widows" on 16 May 1989. Chapter One, "The First Death," concerns Subject and is very similar to the information deleted from "The New KGB." In some places it is duplicated word for word. A review of this chapter of "Widows," makes the following allegations:

a. After the housekeeper did not wake Subject, Cassal and [redacted] "from the CIA's Office of Security," arrived and discovered the body. (Cassal and [redacted] were actually from Ops Training Office, Subject's office)

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b. Joseph Speyer & Company sent Kronthal to Germany and used the Speyer connections to sell artworks the Nazis confiscated

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from Jews between 1933 and 1940. (Speyer & Co was Subject's employer from 1934-1938, as noted in Subject's PHS) Subject became acquainted with several high Nazi leaders.

c. The Gestapo found out about Subject's homosexual activity. This arrest record was found by the Soviets through a penetration of the German BND.

d. Due to the emotional cost of selling the property of people who were going to the death camps, Subject quit Speyer & Co. (Subject's PHS says he left the company upon its liquidation in 1938.) Subject returned to Harvard to pursue a graduate degree, entering the US Signal Corps and later the OSS when WWII broke out.

e. Subject worked with Dulles in Bern during the war and later became \_\_\_\_\_ One of his tasks was to recover the art the Nazis stole during the war. (b)(1)  
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f. The Soviets' wanted Subject to become an agent-in-place in the highest offices of the CIA. Soviets felt Subject's friendship with Dulles would make him a rising star when he returned to Washington.

g. Subject was provided "Chinese boys" by the Soviets while \_\_\_\_\_ and filmed. He sent regular "packets" of information to Moscow Center. (b)(1)  
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h. Subject's Soviet handler told him to press for assignment to head of the Agency's clandestine services. Subject feared being exposed as a homosexual and a Soviet agent.

i. Dulles had Subject to his home for dinner on 31 March 1953 to determine Subject's next assignment. Subject left after dinner, returned home, wrote suicide letters to Dulles and Helms, and then killed himself. (Previous information from the Crowley/Corson manuscript said three notes were left, the third went to Subject's sister. The new book alleges Subject mailed a letter to his sister before he killed himself.)

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j. Lt Hartnett, DC homicide squad, was used to covering up problems from the CIA and maintained a large file of Agency-supplied information on Washington politicians. (If Hartnett was so connected with the Agency, why did he try to arrest Cassal and ?)

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k. The book erroneously alleges that Subject's file is "buried deep in the Archives of the CIA. (This investigation has certainly shown that the Subject's case was closed, filed, and eventually destroyed due to its age.)

11. It should also be noted in the Acknowledgments of "Widows" that two references are made in appreciation of Samuel Papich, who was then the FBI-CIA liaison working on Subject's case.

12. Based on the current interest in the Subject and "Widows," SAD has taken and will continue the following actions:

a. Continue to add to the recreated security file on Subject for future reference, basing it on information obtained during this investigation;

b. Continue to interview current and former Agency employees to gather information on Subject. These interviews should include [redacted] who is retired and currently living in North Carolina;

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c. Have a WFO officer go to the National Records Center in Suitland and attempt to obtain copies of the DC Police report on Subject's suicide, the autopsy report, and other associated documents -- forgoing an attempt to interview Hartnett, who appears to be hostile to the Agency;

d. Obtain information from the Executive Registry pertaining to Allen Dulles' datebook for 31 March 1953 and verify the dinner engagement; and




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e. Obtain copies of any FBI files pertaining to Subject to verify or discount the Soviet connection. (On 16 May, ADDO/CI contacted the Bureau to receive their files. C/CIC/SG will pass this information to SAD)

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## P E R I S C O P E



Denied staff retreat and even mass privileges: The surgeon general

## Koop: A Sour Ending

Relations between Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and top Bush officials were far more sour than generally reported when Koop abruptly submitted his resignation last week. Health and Human Services sources say Koop had been cut from a staff retreat, stripped of his own appointments secretary—and denied privileges in HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan's private dining room.

Though Koop gave no reason for leaving early, friends say he was deeply disappointed that Bush did not offer him the top HHS job, try to keep him in his current post—or contact him at all. "Our appointments procedure is so slow we hadn't fo-

cused on who to appoint, much less who to reappoint," says a senior White House official.

Other sources say that Koop's high profile and controversial stands—outraging conservatives by stressing education and condoms in the AIDS war, for example—made Bush's aides very uneasy. Koop's version may appear in a book he's agreed to deliver by fall.

### ROUNDUP

## Conventional Wisdom Watch

The public may be bored with Iran-contra and Jim Wright, but CW shapers are experiencing a fresh burst of interest. Ethics watching is the new blood sport of choice. It's easier when the issue is sex-

the CW much preferred the escapades of Gary Hart—but most ethics aficionados will take their scandals where they find them. In today's ethics hot-house, there are no heroes. All the arrows point down.

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## Slow Motion

It took heavy State Department prodding, but the Pentagon last week finally began drawing up contingency plans for U.S. military action in Panama, administration sources say. Options prepared by the Joint Chiefs of Staff range from the evacuation of American dependents at U.S. military bases to the use of force against Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega in a crisis after the general elections. The JCS routinely readies such plans for the president; the delay on Panama reflects Pentagon opposition to any military action there, these sources say.

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### Can microbes help? Spill victim

## Oil Eaters

A new method for cleaning up massive oil spills will soon get a real-life test as a result of the Exxon Valdez disaster. The Environmental Protection Agency next month will begin determining the ability of tiny microorganisms to devour oil from the tanker that is now blackening Alaskan beaches. Using bacteria taken from Prince William Sound that have been mixed with special nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) and oxygen in a biological reactor, EPA scientists will "inoculate" up to a quarter mile of oil-contaminated beach. The microorganisms consume the oil, breaking it down into carbon dioxide and water. Lab tests with the microorganisms have been successful. If they are effective on an actual oil spill, the EPA hopes to use the technique on larger sections of the dirtied Alaskan beaches.

## Red Alert

No one complained last Christmas when Avon sent Giorgio's Red perfume to hundreds of congressional wives. But when a conscientious spouse recently learned the price—\$175 an ounce—she called the House ethics committee. It ordered unopened bottles returned—and opened ones paid for by personal check. Then, a loophole: when received, Red was not yet on the market. As a "promotional gift," the panel's chief counsel ruled, it was safe to keep.

Lucy Howard with bureau reports

## CIA Man Found Dead In 32d Street Home; Note Implies Suicide

Administrative Post  
Paid Him Over \$10,000  
A Year; Police Cautious

An administrative official of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency was found dead today in his fashionable Georgetown home.

The body of James S. Kronthal, 41, of 1662 Thirty-second street N.W. was found about 10:30 a.m., but it was nearly 1 p.m. before homicide police, exercising unusual caution, would give out details.

Lt. Lawrence Hartnett of the homicide squad said Mr. Kronthal's body was stretched fully clothed except for a coat on a bed in the larger of two second-floor bedrooms.

### Note Implies Suicide.

On a bed stand police found an empty clear-glass vial and a page-long, handwritten note "indicating likely suicide," Lt. Hartnett said. He refused to divulge the note's contents a standard police practice.

A spokesman for the CIA said only that Mr. Kronthal was employed in an "administrative capacity." He refused to say whether it involved the handling of matter involving the national security. His salary was more than \$10,000 a year.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald went to the home to assist in the investigation. He refused to comment on the cause of death pending an autopsy this afternoon.

### Found by Other CIA Men.

Two other employees of CIA, Gould Cassal, 43, of 3445 Thirtieth street N.W., and McGregor Gray, 31, of 4501 Walsh street, Chevy Chase, Md., discovered the body after Mr. Kronthal failed to report to his office.

An hour earlier, a maid had begun her work downstairs, unaware Mr. Kronthal was dead.

One policeman said death apparently occurred about 12 hours before the body was found. There were no marks of violence.

### Agency Works With Police.

The CIA was working closely with the police in the investigation.

Following close-lipped practice, the CIA revealed little about Mr. Kronthal. He had worked at the agency "two or three years."

A native of Deal, N. J., he was born August 21, 1912. He was graduated from Yale University in 1934 and obtained a degree from Harvard University in 1941.

Police said he had relatives living outside the city, but none in this vicinity.

## Certificate Waits

## CIA Officer Found Dead, Vial Nearby

An "important" administrative officer in the hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency was found dead in his Georgetown home yesterday, with an empty vial beside his body.

Police said the circumstances and a page-long letter to a friend pointed to suicide.

The body of James S. Kronthal, 40, of 1662 32d st. nw., was found about 11 a.m. by two friends from CIA.

Police said the maid, Mrs. Lavinia Thomas, of 2813 N st. nw., arrived as usual at 8:30 a.m. at the attractive, white brick home where Kronthal lived alone. She found a brief note from Kronthal, asking her not to disturb him because he wanted to sleep late. She went about her work.

When Kronthal failed to report to his office, CIA telephoned the house and asked that he be aroused. Police said Mrs. Thomas called out and got no answer, but hesitated to disturb her employer because of the note.

According to police, Gould Cassal, of 3445 38th st. nw., and McGregor Gray, of 4501 Walsh st., Chevy Chase, came to investigate. Police said they found Kronthal's body, full-clothed except for a coat, on a day bed in his second-floor bedroom. An empty vial was on the floor.

Homicide Lieut. Lawrence Hartnett said investigators found a hand-written letter to a male friend indicating Kronthal was "mentally upset because of pressure connected with work."

An autopsy indicated Kronthal died between 10 p.m. and midnight Monday. Actual cause had not been determined last night.

Dr. A. Magruder MacDonald, District coroner, withheld a death certificate pending chemical analysis.

Kronthal, believed to have been unmarried, was a former assistant instructor at Harvard and a former Army captain. He entered the State Department in March, 1947, and served as an attache in Bern, Switzerland. Records show he left the department in May, 1952.

Following customary practice, the CIA declined to say when Kronthal joined the staff. A spokesman said he served in an "administrative capacity" and his job was "important."

Kronthal was born in Deal, N. J. He married in 1941.



JAMES KRONTHAL.

## Police Await Report By Chemist in Death Of Intelligence Man

The cause of the death of James S. Kronthal, Central Intelligence Agency administrative officer, will remain a mystery until police receive a report on a chemical analysis.

Mr. Kronthal, 40, was found dead yesterday morning on an upstairs bed in his Georgetown home at 1662 Thirty-second street N.W.

On the table near the bed was a handwritten note which Lt. Lawrence Hartnett said may have explained the case with the words that Mr. Kronthal was "mentally upset because of pressure connected with work."

On the same table was an empty glass vial. Unable to determine what had been in it, Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald ordered the chemical analysis, which may not be completed before next week.

Following its practice, the CIA revealed nothing of Mr. Kronthal's work there the last two or three years except that he was in an administrative capacity. His salary was more than \$10,000.

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8 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: James Speyer KRONTHAL; *Newsweek* Article of  
15 May 1989, Entitled: "The Soviet's  
First CIA Mole"

1. On 8 May, Dick Helms told me the following concerning:

JAMES SPEYER KRONTHAL.

Dick knew KRONTHAL very well. KRONTHAL was a former OSS officer who served for us \_\_\_\_\_ and, indeed, committed suicide, probably in 1952. He was a bachelor and Dick thinks he probably was a homosexual. One day he did not show up for work and several employees went to his home and found him dead in bed. He evidently had taken something, but an autopsy was unable to determine what substance was in his system.

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There was no thought whatsoever given to him being a spy for the Soviets. Dick recalls that the polygraph at the time was uncovering cases of homosexuality, and Dick speculates that perhaps KRONTHAL realized he had no future with the Agency because of his homosexuality and committed suicide.

2. All portions of this document are classified SECRET.

Gardner R. Hathaway  
Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
for Counterintelligence

## Attachment:

*Newsweek* Article of  
15 May 1989

cc: DC/CIC/AG w/att  
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Date 15 May 89

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6 June 1989

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
[redacted]

1. On 6 June 1989 the undersigned interviewed [redacted]  
[redacted] ex-OS/SRS, at her residence, [redacted] I briefed [redacted] on  
the reason for my visit and solicited information from her  
pertaining to Subject's case.

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2. While [redacted] remembered Subject's name, she said she  
had no connection with the investigation of the case and therefore  
no knowledge of the case. She did not recognize the name William  
Corson or know if he had been an unofficial aide for DCI Dulles.

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3. [redacted] suggested SAD contact Ethel Mendoza,  
who was Paul Gaynor's secretary during the investigation and  
may have information on the case.

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25 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
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1. On 25 May 1985, the undersigned spoke with Ray Reardon, C/SG/CIC, concerning the Subject. Reardon and Gus Hathaway, ADDO/CI, had queried the FBI to determine if there was information in their files to connect Subject with the KGB or any other hostile intelligence service. The Bureau's files contain much of the same information ours, including the possibility of Subject's name being on Senator McCarthy's list of subversive (homosexual) Agency employees. No investigation was ever carried out, nor leads developed that Subject was connected with the KGB or other hostile service.

2. This information was received by Hathaway, then confirmed by Reardon.

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1 June 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer

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1. A review of the Otto John security file [redacted] for disclosures concerning the Kronthal case, produced negative results. Mark Smith has contacted the Publications Review Board to obtain a copy of the footnotes from "The New KGB" manuscript in an attempt to locate the exact source of John's comments.

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2. On 1 June 1989 at 1000 hrs I briefed Jack Sullivan, SAC/WFO, and Bill Sullivan, A/SAC/WFO, on the Kronthal case and provided them with a copy of the C/SAD memo with attachments. Their assistance was solicited in obtaining copies of the DC Police report on the suicide and all attachments (including the Coroner's report). They volunteered their help and would have a WFO agent contact me if further details were needed. On their request, I provided a tentative deadline of 16 June 1989. [redacted]

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30 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. On 30 May 1989, Chuck Boles, Department of State DS/CI, telephoned C/SAD to relate that State has no record on the 1951 investigation in which Kronthal, and three other Agency employees, were alleged to have been determined to have been homosexual. Boles speculated that the file material had been destroyed.

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2. The undersigned received a return call from [redacted] who stated that he believed his father, [redacted] would be amenable to an interview with this office concerning Kronthal. [redacted] will supply his father's phone number in [redacted] and volunteered that his father will be in the WDC area on 14 June for a fishing trip. We will make contact with [redacted] and attempt to set up an appointment to interview him while he is in the area.

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3. The writer reviewed Harlan Westrell's security file [redacted] in preparation for a planned interview. Writer located references to the McCarthy list of subversive Agency employees and noted Westrell's current address as [redacted]

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4. Writer also reviewed [redacted] security file [redacted] for a pending interview. [redacted] is currently living at the [redacted]

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5. Security files on Bruce Solie [redacted] and Ethel Mendoza [redacted] were also reviewed for pending interviews.

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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KRONTHAL, James Speyer

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OS/PS/ET&amp;SG/SAD/SIB

EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

15 June 1989

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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14 June 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Activities Division

FROM:

Special Investigations Branch  
Special Activities Division

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer

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1. On 13 June 1989, the undersigned and [ ] SAD/LIB interviewed [ ] who was one of the first two Agency employees to discover Subject after his suicide. Attached are verbatim excerpts of the interview. This memo will briefly review the interview, noting the several discrepancies between Widows and the facts as [ ] recalls them.

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2. On 31 March 1953 Gould Cassal [ ] was telephoned by [ ] noted that Subject had not arrived for work and was late for a meeting. She was worried about Subject, as he had bouts with depression. Cassal telephoned [ ] and asked him to drive, as Cassal's car was being serviced. [ ] had recently been reassigned to the [ ] from the Office of Training, where Cassal and [ ] worked.

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3. [ ] and Cassal arrived at Subject's Georgetown home and were met by the housekeeper. They were showed the note Subject had left, asking not to be disturbed. The housekeeper made coffee and both [ ] and Cassal had a cup while waiting to see if Subject would wake up. As Subject had not awoke, [ ] went to his bedroom to attempt to wake him.

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4. As [ ] opened the door, he saw Subject in his bed, in his bed clothes. As [ ] approached, he noticed Subject had laid a linen towel lengthwise across his chest and folded his hands over it. Subject appeared waxy, with some sweat on his forehead, and relaxed facial features. [ ] said; "he was obviously dead." [ ] also noted a small tube, with military markings, on the bedside table and a note, propped up, facing outward, addressed to Richard Helms (then Chief, Operations/DD/P). [ ] left the room without touching anything. He informed Cassal of the apparent suicide, noting Subject had used the OSS suicide capsule, the "L-pill."

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5. Cassal telephoned Richard Helms and handed the phone to [redacted] related the story to Helms and was told to call the police. Helms stated that he would have Sheffield Edwards (then D/OS) respond to the scene. [redacted] was told by Helms to "Tell the truth. Don't try to avoid anything."

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6. The DC Police arrived in the form of Lawrence Hartnett. He was told by [redacted] that Subject had worked for CIA. The detective did not know what CIA was and confused it with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). [redacted] admits the detective didn't have a clue as to what was going on and came near arresting him and Cassal. He frankly remarked that he thought the detective wasn't "a very bright bulb."

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7. Edwards and Paul Gaynor, after a certain amount confusion, convinced the police that Cassal and [redacted] were no longer needed on the scene. [redacted] recalls that the police brought the suicide note down from the bedroom and Edwards took custody of the note for Helms. [redacted] believes Cassal told him that Helms had said the note said "They're after me."

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8. [redacted] and Cassal returned to the Office of Training and told [redacted] about the suicide. [redacted] said: I don't really understand it. We had a date tonight. He had talked to me last night about our getting together again. I just don't understand it.

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9. Later that day, [redacted] Cassal, [redacted], and Cordelia Hood got together at Hood's apartment to discuss the suicide. There was no talk about any Soviet involvement. Mention was made of Subject's depression. Hood, who worked in CI/CE, did not mention any suspicions about Subject. [redacted] mentioned that the "they're after me" statement was believed to be related to reinvestigation and polygraph.

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10. [redacted] seriously doubted that Kronthal was involved in "fencing" artworks for the Nazis. In fact, [redacted] was involved in Military Intelligence during the war recovering art treasures from Germany and felt he would have known Subject. He doubted this would be the cause of his suicide.

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11. [redacted] said neither Corson nor Trento had attempted to contact him concerning the Kronthal case.

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He also felt that several other files should be examined: Gordon  
Stewart [redacted] Hugh Cunningham [redacted], John Bross  
[redacted] and Peter Sichel [redacted]. SAD has examined  
these files and gained no further information. [redacted] also  
suggested we speak with Richard Helms and Cordelia Hood, who now  
lives in [redacted]

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14 June 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED]

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1. On 13 June 1989, [REDACTED] SAD/SIB, and [REDACTED] SAD/LIB, interviewed [REDACTED] at his son's residence in [REDACTED]

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2. Prior to the interview, [REDACTED] had an opportunity to review the Widows chapter on James Kronthal. As [REDACTED] is the person who found Kronthal's body, he was interviewed to confirm or discount information and allegations made in the book. What follows are excerpts of the interview, bearing on the Kronthal case.

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Q: Were you in Security at the time of this incident?

A: No, that's all wrong. Gould (Cassal) and I had been instructors in the Training Office.

I had been just moved over to the German Branch and Gould was still in Training. And basically, I was still in Training. (passage omitted) I was hired by Training to be a professor in the Soviet Affairs Branch. (passage omitted)

Then I, because of my German background, wanted to get my period away from Training. I had been three and a half years in Training, so I moved over to the German Branch. And, one morning, the famous morning, I had a phone call from Gould, who was still in Training. He said, I think, I'm not quite sure, but I think he said: [REDACTED] has asked me to drive out to Jim's apartment.

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Q: That's [REDACTED] who?

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A: [REDACTED] She was a close friend, and I think she has since died. But she was a personal friend of Jim Kronthal's. As a matter of fact, the book says the night this happened he had a dinner with Dulles. I think it was [REDACTED] I may be wrong about that.

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Q: We never found anything in Mr Dulles' papers that said that. He would usually write down his dinner appointments. . . .

A: Of Course he would. I'm quite sure I would have remembered that in the conversation -- that he had a meeting with Dulles. He may have had a meeting with him some time before, because at that time the Chief of Training was pretty much directly subordinate to the Director, rather than subordinate to the Chief of Operations, or what was then the DD/P, because the training establishment was both Overt and Covert and was one big hodge-podge. But Jim Kronthal was the Chief of Covert Training, though I think at that time he was also responsible for the overt. But, I wasn't, I had been in the covert, but things were changing at that point. I really didn't know Jim that well, because I had moved out of training just about the time he came in.

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Anyway, to get back to the phone call. He said, [REDACTED] says he's supposed to be at a meeting and he hasn't showed up. And she's worried. She thinks we ought to go out to his apartment.

Q: And did she work for us at the time?

A: Yes, (passage omitted) she was the head of the Administrative Training Section, of the Office of Training. (passage omitted) She was a widow. He husband had been killed during the war and I believe that her wartime experience was both Red Cross and OSS. My guess would be that she was older than Jim Kronthal. (passage omitted) Gould said: My car was in the garage, and [REDACTED] suggested that you could drive me. Well, [REDACTED] and I were good friends. We had next door offices. (passage omitted) Also, the second woman who was closely involved at this time was [REDACTED] wife, Cordelia Dodson Hood [REDACTED]. (passage omitted)

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Both Cordelia and (her brother) [REDACTED] had been in Germany before the war and had good connections in the German scene. I don't know, but I suspect, reading this book, the [REDACTED] and the Kronthals, [REDACTED] all knew each other in that American community in Germany, pre-WWII.

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Anyway, Cordelia and [REDACTED] were very good friends. And since I knew Cordelia from the old days in college, it was a small world kind of thing. (passage omitted)

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So, I said sure, and left my office and picked up Gould at the Training Office, which was across Independence Avenue and we headed off to the apartment. I had never been to Jim's apartment. I didn't know where it was, but Gould did.

We got there and the maid, my memory had been it was [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] was perfectly good to me. I knew it was something "ia." But, Gould knew her. He had been in the house many times. As we came in she said "Would you like some coffee?" And she went and brewed up some coffee and showed us the note he had left saying "do not disturb." And we talked to her, and she didn't want us to go upstairs, because she had been told he didn't want to be disturbed. We told her: But he's got an appointment this morning, and he's either forgotten it and it is supposedly an important meeting. Neither of us knew what the meeting was about, because he (Gould) would have gotten it second hand. I would have gotten it third hand. So, we sat down. We figured by the time we'd have a cup of coffee, he'd wake up.

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Well, when we'd had our coffee, Gould was ready to go back to the office. And I said: Gould, I don't like this. We've got to go up and if the door's locked, then we go back to the office. But, if its open, something, afterall, natural causes whatever. So I went up. Gould stayed downstairs. I went up and opened the door and there was Jim in bed. The story that, I think that's not the way it was. I think he was in bed. He had laid a linen towel across his chest this way (indicates lengthwise across the upper chest) and he was waxy, there was sweat on his forehead, but relaxed face. But he was obviously dead. And on the table next to him was a little tube. (A later phone conversation with [REDACTED] mentioned the tube had military markings) And leaning against the lamp was an envelope, facing the door, with "Richard Helms."

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So, I left, didn't touch anything. I went downstairs and told them, though I waited until the maid was somewhere else and told him (Gould) he was dead. He's committed suicide. And, of course, Gould said: How? And I said: "I'm absolutely convinced it was an L-tablet." (passage omitted)

And now, so now what do we do? So I said: the note says "Dick Helms." And both of us knew Dick. Dick had been the East European Division and had moved on to be the Chief of Operations for the DD/P.

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SUBJECT: Interview With [REDACTED]

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And I said: "Well, there's going to be a problem here. How do we handle it." And he said: I think we ought to call Dick. He had the number and he rang him up and said: I can't talk to him. So, I took the phone, and besides, he said: You found him. And, Gould was very upset. He was quite emotionally disturbed. Again, it was a close friend, whereas I hardly knew Jim. In fact I had likely seen him twice before.

So I told Dick Helms what had happened. And he said: Stay there, call the police, and I will get Shef Edwards there before the police get there, which, of course, didn't happen. Shef didn't arrive until the police had been there and the whole, the ambulance and the whole thing had been screaming around for a long time.

And the man who came in said he was chief of the District detectives office (Lawrence Hartnett) and who was the man upstairs. I said James Kronthal. And, of course, we had to go through the spelling. And he said: Where did he work? And I said "CIA," because I had asked Dick, "What do I say?" And he (Helms) said: Tell them the truth. Don't try to avoid anything. So I said "CIA". And he (Hartnett) said: Aeronautics? CAA? And I said: "No, CIA." And he said: What's that? (passage omitted)

So, there I was. I couldn't believe that the chief of detectives of the District Police wouldn't have been contacted and briefed, and that procedures would have been worked out for this kind of a thing. Well, about that time, Shef Edwards came in, and I can't remember who came with him, but he was a man, I can't remember his name, but he was rather famous. He wore a hearing aid in those days with a wire that went down to a belt. . . .

Q: Gaynor?

A: Yes, Paul Gaynor. (passage omitted) So then, he had never met the Chief of Detectives, and there was a hell of a lot of . . . "What are you doing here?" from the police. And so, he (Edwards) showed his badge. He was able to convince them (the police) that we were no longer needed. That we should be allowed to go. So at that point Gould and I (passage omitted) went back to his office. I went back with him, because he wanted me to be with him when he told the people in Training what had happened.

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So then we talked to [REDACTED] And she was really upset. She said: I don't really understand it. We had a date, tonight. He had talked to me last night about our getting together again. She said: I just don't understand it. And tears and stuff. We left her.

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Later that afternoon I went with Gould to Cordelia's apartment down in [REDACTED] because the women had asked that we talk to them about what had happened. So, we sat around with Cordelia and [REDACTED] and another women who I had never met before and whose name I don't recall. And that was just about it.

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The next day the press . . . I went home early. I told my wife: If the newspapers call, just say "no comment" and hang up. Something's happened. (passage omitted) Something in the office the newspapers are onto. Don't talk to them. (passage omitted)

Cordelia was the grand woman of the Agency at that time. She had worked with Dulles as his 'girl Friday' [REDACTED] And, her (b)(1) husband, [REDACTED] later husband, was the file clerk boy [REDACTED] (b)(1) office. The joke was that Mr Dulles could never remember his (b)(3) name. He always referred to him as "Cordelia's husband." I think [REDACTED] whole career was damaged by that. Those of us who new Cordelia used to joke about that.

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Q: At the time you all found the body, between then and when Shef Edwards and Paul Gaynor arrived, did you all look around the house or anything like that?

A: We just sat back down at the kitchen table. As a matter of fact, it wasn't much more than seconds, minutes before the police were at the door, once I called them. The sirens, we couldn't have been sitting more than a minute before they were there.

Q: Do you remember any other notes? The book alleges there were notes to Dulles and his sister there.

A: We didn't see any. The only thing on the bed, side table, and I was only there for a few seconds, didn't touch a thing, but I was there long enough that when the police came down with the letter and Shef, I think, took the letter at that point. The had gotten enough bona fides to get the letter from them for Dick Helms.

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And, this is only hearsay, but I think I heard through Gould that Dick had told him that the letter had said in it: "They're after me." So, I had assumed that it was the polygraph and he was being reinterrogated by Bruce Solie, I assume, at that time.

Q: There were some allegations, and you read in the book, that he was homosexual. . . .

A: At that time, homosexual activity in the Agency was not a big thing -- if you confessed it. In other words, if, during your polygraph test . . . I knew several. In fact, Gould Cassal, to my mind, was a homosexual. He left the Agency very shortly thereafter. He felt it had wrecked his career. (passage omitted)

Q: Was there any talk at the time, like the book alleges, about the Soviets?

A: No. Cordelia became just about the number one CI/CE investigator and did a lot of work following cases independently, often, of Angelton, and for the director, Mr Dulles, still. If she had had any suspicion, she would have told us. What we talked about that afternoon was his mental state, and they all, the three women there knew him and Gould knew him, and they all felt he was depressed. And they knew he had fits of depression before. And the question was asked, if I remember, did he ever say to you, the girls were all talking, did he ever say to you he was going to commit suicide. And they all said "no." But they also thought he was often so deep in depression when they had known him before, that they were really surprised that he hadn't succeeded.

Q: Did you ever subsequently find out who he had the meeting with? Was it another polygraph?

A: No, no, I, my guess is that it was some training meeting. There was a lot of reorganization going on at that time, and my guess was it was a weekly or monthly meeting, but with a little more importance that morning because they were going to discuss the reorganization.

Q: The say in the book that the police officer, the homicide detective was well known as a trouble shooter for the Agency. It didn't give you that impression?

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A: Heavens no. He didn't even know what the hell was going on. He didn't know what CIA was. Never heard of it before. My impression of the man was that he wasn't a very bright bulb, quite frankly.

Q: He said he almost arrested the two of you while you were there.

A: I think he was thinking about that. I mean, he was lost. When I did use the word "intelligence" his mouth dropped open. And he had a vague idea that this was something that was a little more than usual. And he did say something, now its coming back, I have a feeling that he said: That's why I was sent over here in such a hurry, or something like that. I don't know whether Dick had called him too, or whether somebody had called a higher up, and word had come down from the commissioner.

Q: The man who wrote this section, William Corson, it has been alleged that he was a trouble shooter for Allen Dulles, he was an unofficial aide.

A: The face is familiar. I don't know where I've seen him. I've seen him somewhere before.

Q: He was a Marine Corps officer before and was in Naval Intelligence.

A: It may be, I spent three and a half years with the SOD, Special Operations Division, and we had contact with all kinds of ex-military types. One of my jobs was to write exposes of exposes. My job as intelligence chief was when this kind of a story would come out that involved any of the paramilitary ops, i had to go and say, prepare for my chief the answer he would give if there were any news queries, what he was allowed to answer.. Particularly about the arms dealers. This was in the early seventies.

Q: Did Trento try to contact you?

A: No, no one ever tried to contact me. (passage omitted) There are lots of stones unturned. I went back through my list of names of people who would have had knowledge, and none of them appear in the book. Of courses, Dick helms. He was a close personal friend.

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Gordon Stewart [redacted] Hugh Cunningham [redacted] and Jim's predecessor [redacted] He was the first chief of training when it was combined OSO/OPC. I was hired by OPC and we had that great split in those days. That's one of the reasons I didn't know Kronthal that well, was he was on the other side of the fence. In those days people were very jealous of their backgrounds, and though I had not been in the OSS during the war, I was MIS. (passage omitted) John Bross [redacted] chief of EE, knew Jim well. The other person who was then on the staff of EE, was Peter Sichel [redacted] who was involved in the Berlin thing and Otto John, which ended in his departure from the Agency; then, I starred [redacted] Dick Helms first wife. She was a close friend, and if I remember correctly visited me in [redacted] when I was Chief of Station. And we brushed on this whole thing. And my memory is she, was a good friend of Cordelia's and [redacted] We talked over old times and old names, common friends. (passage omitted)

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Q: I guess the bottom line for us, as you mentioned, was that there was no inkling that you were aware of that he had anything to do with the Soviets, espionage, or anything along those lines.

A: I'm absolutely convinced that Cordelia, with her background, would have explained to us that, what we were told, that was that he said "they're after me" was because there was an investigation going on. She would have been right in the middle of that investigation.

Q: Was there any thought that he had been involved with the Nazis while in Germany, that whole part of the story?

A: This I would doubt seriously. The business with the art? I can't understand what that's all about, because, though I didn't know him very well. I had been involved with the art stuff as MIS. My room in Munich was decorated with the Durer portrait of the man in the yellow coat. (passage omitted) The unit I belonged to with the military was an intelligence assault force and our job was to seize intelligence objectives, and they included the art treasurers of Germany. And, I can't imagine -- though it's possible -- that his suicide was over just that. (passage omitted)

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Q: There was an investigation back in 1951 and some homosexual allegations uncovered out [REDACTED] . . . and this list of people (b)(1) had gotten to Senator McCarthy, and that was a contributing factor (b)(3) as well. If he was depressed about the polygraph and such. Is there any indication of that at the time?

A: That may have very well have been part of it, but McCarthy didn't come up that day. (passage omitted)

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20 June 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
[redacted]

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1. On 20 June 1989, the undersigned interviewed Mr Richard Helms, former DCI and C/Ops at the time of Subject's suicide. Mr Helms was met at his office at 1627 "K" Street, Suite 402, NW, WDC.

2. Mr Helms mentioned that he met Subject about 1942 when both men were serving in the OSS. He and Subject served in the various organizations that eventually became the CIA.

3. Mr Helms was not aware of the 1951 State Department investigation into homosexual activity [redacted] but (b)(1) did remember that a "GI" alleged instances of HA with Subject (b)(3) while [redacted] He also recalled an "endless stream" of cases (b)(1) involving homosexual activity and allegations of communist (b)(3) sympathies while he was C/Ops.

4. On 31 March 1953, Helms recalls instructing [redacted] to call the police and give them information pertaining to Subject, upon the discovery of Subject's suicide. He did not call anyone in the DC Metro Police concerning the case and noted that there were no established procedures on discovering the death of an Agency employee. (b)(3) (b)(6)

5. Helms said he did not recall ever receiving the suicide note Subject addressed to him. It was, however, read to him, possibly by the police, but he does not remember. He said the note did not go into why Subject committed suicide, but recalled it said he was distressed by work. Helms believes he left the note so that it would not be thought he was murdered.

6. Upon being questioned about the possibility that the Soviets co-opted Subject or that Subject was a Soviet mole in the Agency, Helms noted that it was highly unlikely that Subject was a co-optee and it was never an issue during the 1953 investigation. Helms noted that while Subject was in the OSS [redacted] he (b)(1) was an analyst, and was involved with paper in the office and had (b)(3) nothing to do with the Soviets. He further remarked that Subject had no motive for working for the Soviets; he was an American Jew, well-to-do, and not aligned politically with communists.

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Even if Subject had been blackmailed by the Soviets for being a homosexual, suicide would not have solved the problem, but probably brought it to light.

7. Mr Helms severely criticized William Corson and remarked that Corson was never an Agency employee, never affiliated with the Agency, or never worked with the Agency. As concerns the allegation that Corson was an "unofficial" Dulles aide and lived with Mr Dulles, Mr Helms remarked that he knew Allen Dulles very well, had known him since the OSS days, and regularly saw Dulles at work and socially. Helms never saw Corson or heard of him during the Dulles tenure. He termed this allegation "nonsense."

8. Helms also volunteered that Subject was not the close friend of Dulles as Widows alleges. Subject had worked for Dulles [redacted] Subject was certainly (b)(1) not close enough to Dulles to have dinner with him as the book (b)(3) contends. Helms also noted that Subject was not in line for a high position in the Agency. He said these allegations are definately "not true." He also asserted that he doubted Corson had the Dulles dairy.

9. Helms remarked that following a NEW YORK TIMES article on Subject and the book Widows, Subject's sister, [redacted] telephoned him and was very upset that the book made so many unfavorable comments about her brother being an agent for the Soviets. (b)(6)

10. Mr Helms recommended that SAD may wish to talk to [redacted] (b)(3) a close friend of Subject and Cordelia Dodson Hood, also (b)(3) a close friend and [redacted] ex-wife. (b)(3) (b)(6)

24 May 1989

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## MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Special Activities Division  
Office of Security

## FROM:

Chief, Unauthorized Disclosure Analysis Center

(b)(3)

## SUBJECT:

Possible Unauthorized Disclosure  
re James S. Kronthal (S)

1. The attached information was provided by a confidential informant on assurance of confidentiality. (S)

2. The informant identifies the Agency asset from whom the information on Mr. Kronthal was obtained. He also notes that the information was acquired while the asset was being handled by either one of two individuals. One of them, William Corson, is the co-author of the book in which the Kronthal information currently appears. (S)

3. If your inquiries can confirm that Corson executed a valid secrecy agreement during his assignment to CIA and that the information described in the book remains classified, we will join you in recommending to the DCI that the matter be referred to the Department of Justice with a request for FBI investigation, to include an interview of Corson. (S)

4. Depending on the results of your inquiries, an alternative approach would be for the Agency to ask the Department of Justice to move against Corson in the civil courts for violation of his secrecy agreement and pre-publication review requirements. (S)

5. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.  
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SUBJECT: Possible Unauthorized Disclosure

[redacted] (24 May 1989) (Sayle [redacted])

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SUBJECT: Allegations

[redacted] (24 May 1989) (Sayle [redacted])

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24 May 1989

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Allegations of Soviet Espionage - James S. Kronthal

1. Confidential Informant, a former intelligence officer, on being assured of confidentiality, has provided the following information: (S)

2. The story about the alleged espionage of James S. Kronthal appears to be based on information provided to CIA by Dr. Otto John. Source, who has been retired from CIA for many years, is unaware at present as to the location of the information provided by Dr. John, but suggests it should be found in the debriefings of the man or the papers of former DCI Allen Dulles.

3. Source believes the information was derived from Dr. John while he was being handled by either Justin O'Donnell or William Corson. Source added that Dr. John and Allen Dulles had a close relationship in the past and the Dr. John had stayed at Mr. Dulles' home when visiting Washington. (S)

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Edward F. Sayle  
Unauthorized Disclosure  
Analysis Center

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29 September 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
[redacted]

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1. On 26 September 1989, the undersigned interviewed Samuel Papich at his home at [redacted]. Papich was the FBI liaison to the Agency at the time Subject committed suicide. Papich was interviewed in connection with this case. (C)

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2. Papich was shown several unclassified FBI documents dealing with the Subject and asked about his part in the case. He explained that the memoranda were reports from the FBI Internal Security Division to the Assistant Director of the FBI. Papich remembered that he was told about the Kronthal suicide by then D/OS Sheffield Edwards. Papich then reported it to his office by phone as part of his normal liaison function. He stated categorically that there was no information at the time and no investigation into Kronthal being a "mole" or any other Soviet link. Papich stated; "If there were even an inkling of a Soviet connection, that information would have been a bombshell in both the Agency and the FBI," and an investigation would have been launched. (C)

3. Papich said that, unlike today, when he was the FBI liaison officer, he was liaison to the entire Agency. He had meetings with every office in the Agency, all the deputy directors, and even the DCI. He met almost weekly with Allen Dulles and believes that the meeting on Dulles' calendar for 30 March 1953 was just such a meeting. He remembers no items of consequence discussed at that meeting and certainly nothing concerning "moles" or Kronthal. (C)

4. When queried on the subject of William Corson [redacted] Papich stated that he did not know Corson, and had never spoken to Corson concerning the Kronthal incident. He never saw nor knew Corson as an aide to DCI Dulles, even though Papich had weekly contact with Dulles. Papich also said he never met Corson during the Shadrin debriefings. (C)

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5. Papich did, however, state that he had been telephoned by Joseph Trento [redacted] on 21 May 1988, vice the interview date of 19 February 1988 as noted in "Widows." (Papich produced a notebook containing details of the Trento call, as well as other calls he has received.) He stated that Trento did not get the quote concerning the rift between the Bureau and the Agency from him and believes Trento obtained it from other FBI sources and attributed it to him. Papich did mention that there were differences between the two agencies, but he has never publicly voiced this opinion. He does believe that he may have made the quote on counterintelligence that appeared on page xi of the preface to "Widows." (C)

6. During the 21 May 1988 phone conversation with Papich, Trento disclosed that he believed Shadrin went back to the USSR willingly and that he (Trento) received this information from "Israeli sources," that he did not further identify. (Papich considers Shadrin of low-level stature and believes that KITTYHAWK was a plant.) Trento was very critical of Leonard McCoy [redacted] and considers him incompetent. He was to send Papich information on his interview with McCoy, but never did so. Trento also agreed that if he were going to quote Papich in any publication, he would seek Papich's approval first, but did not do this either. Papich believes that something happened between Trento and McCoy between May 1988 and the publication of "Widows" that changed Trento's opinion of McCoy. (C)

7. Papich learned through a third party that Robert T. Crowley [redacted] Corson's co-author in "The New KGB," a former Agency employee, and subject of the dedication page of "Widows," was very critical of the book when it came out. Papich believes that a lot of the information for "Widows" may have come from [redacted] as he had large differences of opinion with with Angleton. Trento was very complimentary of CI chief James J. Angleton. (C)

8. The interview with Papich lasted some three and one-half hours and covered a wide variety of topics. Throughout the interview, Papich was cordial and helpful. He noted at the interview's conclusion that he would be willing to further assist in this investigation in any way possible. (C)

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7 August 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer (U)

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1. On 4 August 1989 the undersigned attended a meeting with representatives of the Office of General Council (OGC) concerning SAD's planned interview with Samuel Papich, a former FBI employee and FBI liaison officer to the CIA during the Kronthal period. Present at the meeting were [redacted] all of OGC, and the undersigned. (C)

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2. Some concerns were raised that the SAD interview may violate [redacted] in the area of criminal investigation or the gathering of intelligence against domestic targets. It was explained that the interview would be part of a counterintelligence investigation and would be background against the allegations about Subject in the book Widows, Papich's knowledge of the Agency investigation, or any FBI investigation, or substantiation of Corson's claim to be an ex-aide to DCI Dulles. (S)

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3. It was agreed that the interview would be within our purview, but that the FBI liaison officer to SAD should be informed of the interview as a courtesy. OGC will be sending a written decision on the matter to SAD for our records. (C)

4. The Papich interview will be scheduled after the interview with Bruce Solie, planed around 13 August 1989. (C)

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# Ashes on the mantel shelf

Miles Copeland handles  
a hot property

## Widows

by William R. Corson, Susan  
B. Trento and Joseph J. Trento  
Macdonald, £14 95

PUBLISHERS, as we all know, customarily describe even their tamest properties as "explosive", asserting that they "blow the lid off" something or other and bare secrets that governments have tried to hide. The publishers of *Widows*, however, have opted for understatement. They assert that their latest product is merely "the most sensational and disturbing spy non-fiction in years" when it is, in fact, such a hot property that it almost burned a hole in the wrapper in which they sent it to me.

It has Washington's intelligence community in an uproar, with a senior member of the CIA arguing that it has set the American counter-intelligence effort back for years.

It claims, for example, that John Paisley, a top analyst in the CIA's Office of Scientific Research, didn't drown in the Chesapeake but that he was whisked away by KGB agents to be now alive and well and living in Moscow. It also asserts that James Kronthal, a top CIA official and an old colleague of mine, was a KGB "mole" who might one day have become head of the CIA had his KGB masters not been alarmed at signs of a gnawing conscience, deciding that they had best liquidate him.

The writers support these claims, and others, with details resulting from what was clearly a masterful job of investigative journalism, and their findings are endorsed by William Corson, author of the best book to date on the Soviet KGB and no amateur.

No intelligence professional in his right mind would challenge the claims without first checking them with sources who ought to know. So I did. I

spent an evening calling Washington insiders on the transatlantic telephone to find them unanimously convinced that the book's principal claims are "a lot of rubbish", as a member of the CIA's present counter-intelligence staff swore to me.

There was some mix-up over Paisley's body, and the CIA's top brass (contrary to popular opinion, sticklers to a man) did indeed toy with the idea of a cover-up. Being the in-house machiavellian at the time, I was appointed to examine the possibilities; after so doing I could have taken a polygraph test and sworn in court that, whatever the truth about the body, it was Jack Paisley's ashes that wound up in a jar on Mrs Paisley's mantelpiece.

I didn't investigate the Kronthal suicide, but those who did were the CIA's best, and any one of them would have been delighted to find that an Eastern seaboard gay blade such as Jim Kronthal was involved with the KGB in some way that would have led to his murder by KGB agents. But, no, they found that Jim had swallowed enough of the CIA's standard-issue "K" pills to have killed every homosexual in the Agency had Allen Dulles acted on a suggestion I made that this was one way of plugging a particular hole in the CIA's security armour.

So what's the verdict on *Widows*? I see it as a valuable encyclopedia of the mythology that has grown up around fiascos in the CIA-KGB cold war. The investigation that produced it was a work of consummate skill, but the conclusions are those of wide-eyed conspiracy theorists who've read too many John le Carré novels. It is an excellent read, but should have been clearly labelled. This book may endanger not only your peace of mind but also your judgment.

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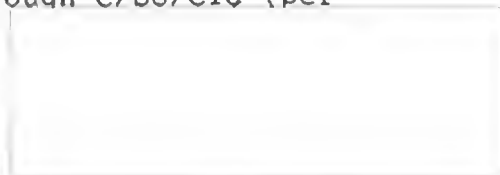


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1. On 20 July 1989, the undersigned briefed Gus Hathaway, A/DDO/CI, on SAD's investigation into the Kronthal case. Present at the briefing were Mr Hathaway; Ray Reardon, C/SG/CIC; and the undersigned. (S)

2. The briefing was presented in a format detailing the major allegations made in WIDOWS concerning Kronthal, and the results of SAD's investigation. Mr Hathaway asked several questions and complemented SAD on the detail of the investigation, remarking that he believed SAD had closed the loop on the Kronthal matter. (S)

3. Mr Hathaway asked that a copy of SAD's report be provided to CIC. I responded that, upon final coordination, SAD will deliver a copy of the report to CIC through C/SG/CIQ (per C/SI&SG). (C)



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## C O N F I D E N T I A L

19 July 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James S. (U)

1. On 19 July 1989 the undersigned interviewed [redacted] (b)(3) WFO, concerning this case. [redacted] was the head of DCI Dulles' Security Staff from its inception in 1956 until 1961 and could possibly provide information on William Corson's alleged relationship with DCI Dulles. ~~(C)~~ (b)(3)

2. [redacted] was shown a 1960's vintage photograph of William Corson [redacted] and asked if he had ever seen or heard of Corson while assigned to Mr Dulles. [redacted] prefaced his remarks with the fact that he felt he was closer to DCI Dulles and traveled with him to places other members of the staff did not. He also noted that the DCI Security Staff worked closely with the DCI, screened visitors, and had room in the Dulles home in Georgetown. [redacted] noted that he had never seen or heard of Corson. Corson was also, to his knowledge, an aide or visitor to the Dulles home or office. ~~(C)~~ (b)(3) (b)(3) (b)(3)

3. [redacted] further noted that he assisted Mr Dulles in moving Allen Jr from White Plains, New York to [redacted] in [redacted] and brought young Allen to the Dulles home on weekends. He does not recall Corson from those instances. ~~(C)~~ (b)(3) (b)(6) (b)(6)

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7 July 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
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1. On 7 July 1989, the undersigned interviewed [redacted] at his office in Polygraph Division [redacted] [redacted] had previously been assigned to Allen Dulles' security staff while he was DCI. He was interviewed on information concerning William Corson [redacted] and his alleged connection with DCI Dulles. (S)

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2. [redacted] stated that he was assigned to the DCI Security Staff in late 1955, remaining until late 1958. (Corson's service record states he was assigned to the US Naval School [Naval Intelligence] from December 1953 to April 1955. He was then assigned to G-2 in 3rd MARDIV/FMFPAC on Okinawa) [redacted] was shown a photograph of Corson from the late 1960's and a current photograph. He stated he did not know the name William Corson, nor had he ever seen Corson during his tenure on the DCI/SS.

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3. [redacted] stated that during his tenure he was asked by DCI Dulles to go to the [redacted] Maryland and pick up Allen Dulles, Jr to bring him to the Dulles Georgetown home. He speculated that if Corson was an aide and had accompanied young Dulles home from [redacted], Corson should have been the one tasked to pick up Allen Dulles, Jr. (S)

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4. [redacted] remarked that in late 1958 the Dulles hired a young Georgetown University graduate student as a companion for Allen Dulles, Jr. He could not recall the man's name, but stated it was definitely not Corson. (C)

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20 June 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
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1. On 20 June 1989, the undersigned interviewed Mr Richard Helms, former DCI and C/Ops at the time of Subject's suicide. Mr Helms was met at his office at 1627 "K" Street, Suite 402, NW, WDC.

2. Mr Helms mentioned that he met Subject about 1942 when both men were serving in the OSS. He and Subject served in the various organizations that eventually became the CIA.

3. Mr Helms was not aware of the 1951 State Department investigation into homosexual activity at [redacted] but (b)(1) did remember that a "GI" alleged instances of HA with Subject (b)(3) while [redacted] He also recalled an "endless stream" of cases (b)(1) involving homosexual activity and allegations of communist (b)(3) sympathies while he was C/Ops.

4. On 31 March 1953, Helms recalls instructing [redacted] (b)(3) to call the police and give them information pertaining to Subject, upon the discovery of Subject's suicide. He did not call anyone in the DC Metro Police concerning the case and noted that there were no established procedures on discovering the death of an Agency employee.

5. Helms said he did not recall ever receiving the suicide note Subject addressed to him. It was, however, read to him, possibly by the police, but he does not remember. He said the note did not go into why Subject committed suicide, but recalled it said he was distressed by work. Helms believes he left the note so that it would not be thought he was murdered.

6. Upon being questioned about the possibility that the Soviets co-opted Subject or that Subject was a Soviet mole in the Agency, Helms noted that it was highly unlikely that Subject was a co-optee and it was never an issue during the 1953 investigation. Helms noted that while Subject was in the OSS [redacted] he (b)(1) was an analyst, and was involved with paper in the office and had (b)(3) nothing to do with the Soviets. He further remarked that Subject had no motive for working for the Soviets; he was an American Jew, well-to-do, and not aligned politically with communists.

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Even if Subject had been blackmailed by the Soviets for being a homosexual, suicide would not have solved the problem, but probably brought it to light.

7. Mr Helms severely criticized William Corson and remarked that Corson was never an Agency employee, never affiliated with the Agency, or never worked with the Agency. As concerns the allegation that Corson was an "unofficial" Dulles aide and lived with Mr Dulles, Mr Helms remarked that he knew Allen Dulles very well, had known him since the OSS days, and regularly saw Dulles at work and socially. Helms never saw Corson or heard of him during the Dulles tenure. He termed this allegation "nonsense."

8. Helms also volunteered that Subject was not the close friend of Dulles as Widows alleges. Subject had worked for Dulles [redacted] Subject was certain(b)(1) not close enough to Dulles to have dinner with him as the book (b)(3) contends. Helms also noted that Subject was not in line for a high position in the Agency. He said these allegations are definitely "not true." He also asserted that he doubted Corson had the Dulles dairy.

9. Helms remarked that following a NEW YORK TIMES article on Subject and the book Widows, Subject's sister, [redacted] telephoned him and was very upset that the book made so many unfavorable comments about her brother being an agent for the Soviets. (b)(6)

10. Mr Helms recommended that SAD may wish to talk to William J. Hood, a close friend of Subject and Cordelia Dodson Hood, also a close friend and William's ex-wife. [redacted]

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

KRONTRAL, James Speyer

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FROM:

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14 June 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Activities Division

FROM:

[redacted]  
Special Investigations Branch  
Special Activities Division

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SUBJECT:

KRONTHAL, James Speyer (C)  
[redacted]

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1. On 13 June 1989, the undersigned and Mark Smith, SAD/LIB interviewed [redacted] who was one of the first two Agency employees to discover Subject after his suicide. Attached are verbatim excerpts of the interview. This memo will briefly review the interview, noting the several discrepancies between Widows and the facts as [redacted] recalls them.

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2. On 31 March 1953 Gould Cassal [redacted] was telephoned by [redacted] noted that Subject had not arrived for work and was late for a meeting. She was worried about Subject, as he had bouts with depression. Cassal telephoned [redacted] and asked him to drive, as Cassal's car was being serviced. [redacted] had recently been reassigned to the German Branch from the Office of Training, where Cassal and [redacted] worked.

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3. [redacted] and Cassal arrived at Subject's Georgetown home and were met by the housekeeper. They were showed the note Subject had left, asking not to be disturbed. The housekeeper made coffee and both [redacted] and Cassal had a cup while waiting to see if Subject would wake up. As Subject had not awoke, [redacted] went to his bedroom to attempt to wake him.

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4. As [redacted] opened the door, he saw Subject in his bed, in his bed clothes. As [redacted] approached, he noticed Subject had laid a linen towel lengthwise across his chest and folded his hands over it. Subject appeared waxy, with some sweat on his forehead, and relaxed facial features. [redacted] said; "he was obviously dead." Gray also noted a small tube, with military markings, on the bedside table and a note, propped up, facing outward, addressed to Richard Helms (then Chief, Operations/DD/P). [redacted] left the room without touching anything. He informed Cassal of the apparent suicide, noting Subject had used the OSS suicide capsule, the "L-pill."

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5. Cassal telephoned Richard Helms and handed the phone to [redacted]. [redacted] related the story to Helms and was told to call the police. Helms stated that he would have Sheffield Edwards (then D/OS) respond to the scene. [redacted] was told by Helms to "Tell the truth. Don't try to avoid anything."

6. The DC Police arrived in the form of Lawrence Hartnett. He was told by [redacted] that Subject had worked for CIA. The detective did not know what CIA was and confused it with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). [redacted] admits the detective didn't have a clue as to what was going on and came near arresting him and Cassal. He frankly remarked that he thought the detective wasn't "a very bright bulb."

7. Edwards and Paul Gaynor, after a certain amount confusion, convinced the police that Cassal and [redacted] were no longer needed on the scene. [redacted] recalls that the police brought the suicide note down from the bedroom and Edwards took custody of the note for Helms. [redacted] believes Cassal told him that Helms had said the note said "They're after me."

8. [redacted] and Cassal returned to the Office of Training and told [redacted] about the suicide. [redacted] said: I don't really understand it. We had a date tonight. He had talked to me last night about our getting together again. I just don't understand it.

9. Later that day, [redacted] Cassal, [redacted] and Hood got together at Hood's apartment to discuss the suicide. There was no talk about any Soviet involvement. Mention was made of Subject's depression. Hood, who worked in CI/CE, did not mention any suspicions about Subject. [redacted] mentioned that the "they're after me" statement was believed to be related to reinvestigation and polygraph.

10. [redacted] seriously doubted that Kronthal was involved in "fencing" artworks for the Nazis. In fact, [redacted] was involved in Military Intelligence during the war recovering art treasures from Germany and felt he would have known Subject. He doubted this would be the cause of his suicide.

11. [redacted] said neither Corson nor Trento had attempted to contact him concerning the Kronthal case.



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He also felt that several other files should be examined: Gordon  
Stewart [redacted] Hugh Cunningham [redacted] John Bross  
[redacted] and Peter Sichel [redacted] SAD has examined  
these files and gained no further information. [redacted] also  
suggested we speak with Richard Helms and Cordelia Hood, who now  
lives in [redacted]

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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The Case Against William Corson

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12 June 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Activities Division

FROM:

[redacted]  
Special Investigations Branch  
Special Activities Division

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SUBJECT:

The Case Against William Corson  
[redacted]

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1. Central to the James S. Kronthal case [redacted] is the allegation that William Corson [redacted] had worked for the Agency in the past, was befriended by DCI Allen Dulles, and was an unofficial aide for Dulles. Also alleged, was that Corson and Justin O'Donnell [redacted] debriefed Otto John and received information that Kronthal was a penetration of the Agency by the Soviet intelligence service.

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2. A review of information held by the Agency on Corson, as well as interviews with current and former Agency employees does not support these allegations.

3. Corson has neither an Agency personnel nor 201 file, indicating he was never an employee, source, or access agent. The 201 referred to in various memoranda in Corson's Security File is his US military personnel file, also known as a 201.

4. Corson's Security File was opened on 19 May 1969 and based on his claim that he was affiliated with the Agency. In an 18 May 1969 WASHINGTON POST "Potomac" article, Corson related:

"Not long after the Korean conflict, Corson took a 'quick course in Chinese' and began to fulfill special assignments for 'the Company.' Six, nine, twelve-month assignments in 'Asia -- that's all anybody needs to know -- as far west as Pakistan."

Certainly, for a man who made his name exposing inequities in the US Government, hiding his work with the Agency, does not fit his persona.

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5. In a 28 August 1969 interview with CBS television, Corson was asked if he ever worked for the CIA and replied:

"Well, I -- I have done some things for the Agency."

6. Though evasive, the above answer actually contains some truth. [redacted] recommended a letter of (b)(1) commendation for Corson and two other officers for their (b)(3) assistance and cooperation [redacted]

[redacted] (b)(1) In essence he has done "some (b)(3) things" for the Agency.

7. In early 1979, the Agency Inspector General's Office and SAG interviewed James Jesus Angleton, former C/CI Staff, concerning the Paisley case. [redacted]

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[redacted] It seem odd that Angleton never mentioned any Corson connection with Dulles or the Agency, particularly since he was in a position to know.

8. Corson is equally vague about his Agency connection in his books. "The New KGB" notes that Corson "has served in a number of intelligence assignments that put him in contact with the Japanese, British, and Korean services, plus a number of high-level assignments in Washington." Corson's military record does bear out intelligence-related jobs at the Naval School for Naval intelligence, as Amphibious Intelligence officer in Japan, and as Deputy Director of the Southeast Asia Intelligence & Force Effectiveness Division, certainly all positions where he would come into contact with Agency officers. "Widows" makes no claims as to Corson's association with the Agency.

9. Ed Sayle, UDAC, claims "sources" that allege Corson worked for DCI Dulles in 1953-55 and reportedly lived with Dulles in Georgetown for a period. During the 1953-55 time frame, Corson was assigned to the US Naval School (Naval Intelligence). It is particularly odd that Corson's military record does not reflect detached service, nor do Agency records reflect association with the CIA. It is probable that he could have been detached without any record, but unlikely in the bureaucracies of the US Government.

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10. In fact, the Agency has gone on record on several occasions stating Corson has had not Agency connection.

a. A 6 June 1969 MFR from SRS, responding to a request from the Office of the Assistant to the DCI (DCI was then Richard Helms), and written by Ed Sayle mentions only DOD sources of information and Corson's "apparent impersonation" as a CIA employee.

b. A 9 September 1969 memo to the D/OS remarks in both paragraphs two and four that there is no indication that Corson had ever been employed by the Agency.

c. A 12 November 1973 MFR from [redacted] that Corson is not/has never been an Agency employee.

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d. A 28 May 1987 SRD case analysis report notes that Corson has never been employed by the Agency, nor has been granted any clearance for any use.

11. While none of this information totally denies Corson's affiliation with the Agency, it surely weighs heavily on the side of denial. Until Corson comes out and says he worked for Dulles or for/with the Agency, it should be assumed that he did not. The evidence certainly points in that direction.

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9 June 1989

Briefing Notes  
Progress of Kronthal Case

Activities Since 5 June Briefing

FBI files searched, no new information.  
Dept of State, Diplomatic Security -- no record of 1951  
HA investigation; files believed destroyed  
Briefed SAC & A/SAC/WFO on case  
Harlan Westrell interview -- Information gained  
Paul Gaynor's case  
Soviet MO then to blackmail cooptees, Blackmail  
potential carefully examined in [redacted] (b)(1)  
Subject committed suicide because his HA would be (b)(3)  
seen as vulnerability, ruining his career  
Subject's name on McCarthy's list of subversive  
Agency employees also a contributing factor  
Subject's suicide was a "great shock" to Agency,  
Dulles and Helms  
Subject supposedly used an "L-pill," an OSS  
suicide pill to kill self  
Possible cases containing some information:

[redacted] (b)(3)

[redacted] interview; no info on case, referred to (b)(3)  
Ethel Mendoza, Paul Gaynor's secretary  
DC Metropolitan Police Archives -- Report destroyed  
administratively  
UDAC (Ed Sayle) unnamed informant claims defector Otto John,  
debriefed by Corson, Justin O'Donnell, gave information on  
Kronthal

O'Donnell file reviewed, no connection with  
Corson or Otto John indicated  
Corson's service record does not indicate any  
period of service with the Agency  
Otto John Security file reviewed, no connections

Otto John's 201 file was reviewed making an interesting  
connection with Wolfgang (Edward) Hoefer (Hoffer), a CI  
Command officer who committed suicide under remarkably similar  
circumstances to that of Kronthal. Theory: Over 35 years  
"institutional memory" may have faded, skewing the line  
between Hoefer and Kronthal.

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SUBJECT: Kronthal Briefing Notes

Memorandum forthcoming comparing Hoefer/Kronthal cases. No other connection found between John, Kronthal, Corson, and O'Connell.

SE Vault [ ] consulted. No holdings under "suspected moles in the Agency" or "Otto John debriefings" or "Kronthal" (b)(3)(p)(3)

Planned ActivitiesInterviews:

[ ] ex-Agency, found K's body -- 13 Jun 89 (b)(3)  
Richard Helms -- C/Ops, friend of K, recipient of one of  
of K's suicide notes, knowledge of Corson as aide to DCI  
Dulles -- planned  
Robert Gambino, ex-D/OS on knowledge of David S. Sullivan's  
list of suspected "mole" candidates, supposedly given to  
Gambino on Sullivan's separation from Agency -- planned  
Ethel Mendoza, ex-SRS, C/SRS Gaynor's secretary, re  
Kronthal investigation -- planned  
Lawrence Hartnette, ex-DC Police, investigated Kronthal  
death -- planned  
Bruce Solie, ex-SRS, re Kronthal case, info provided to  
Corson/Trento -- tentative  
Sam Papich, ex-FBI liaison w/Agency re Kronthal case --  
tentative

Information to be reviewed/gathered

OMS reports on Kronthal -- [ ] has requested from

[ ]  
Hoefer 201 file, to be reviewed

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Security/201 Files Reviewed to Date

39 Security and 201 files reviewed on aspects of this case  
to date

Interim Final Report

SAD plans an interim report to be completed NLT 16 June 1989

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23 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Received a call from Ed Sayle, UDAC, re the issue of whether William R. Corson worked for CIA, as he claims. Ed talked to several "sources" who were around during the Dulles era and provided the following information:

Corson met Dulles in Korea and kept up the friendship. When he was assigned to the Commandant, Marine Corps Headquarters office in Washington, he paid his respects to Dulles. Dulles suggested he come to work at CIA and, apparently by phone, asked the Commandant to assign him. He is said to have worked for Dulles from 1953-55. He also is said to have lived at Dulles' house during that time. Corson attended the evening sessions of the "brain trust of CIA" at Dulles home, where the direction of intelligence was shaped. He is also said to have been a hatchet man for Dulles and took TDYs to Southeast Asia, including a trip that was to see if [redacted] [redacted] should be removed from his post.

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Ed also said that according a source who gave him the information only on the condition that the source remain confidential, the allegations involving James Speyer Kronthal, who committed suicide, was provided by Dr. Otto John, former head of the West German intelligence service. John either defected or was kidnapped by East Germans. He surfaced later, said he escaped, was debriefed by CIA, had credibility problems, and disappeared into the woodwork. His case was handled by Justin O'Donnell and Bill Corson.

UDAC is requesting that Security determine if the information is still classified and if so, to go to Justice with a request for an investigation. Justice can then arrange for Corson to be interviewed. An alternative may be to ask OGC to pursue civil litigation for a breach of security agreement, if it can be determined that there is one.

Sharon Basso



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8 June 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  


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1. On 8 June 1989, I spoke with Mary Jackson, DC Metro Police, Administrative Files Section (727-4183). Ms Jackson was given information on the Subject's case and attempted to locate case file.

2. Ms Jackson stated that the file had been destroyed. Because DC pays for space in the National Records Center (NRC) in Suitland, MD, the DC Police have a special order (Special Order 79-80 Records Detention Schedule 2-J, Second Edition) by which files are destroyed after a certain periods of time. In the case of Homicide files, they are retained for seven years at DC Police Headquarters and 20 years at NRC. Suicide reports are retained at DC Police Hq for three years and for seven years in NRC. Jackson also said all files in separate holdings at DC Police Hq previous to 1954 had been destroyed.


3. Officer Gary Brashears (727-4368), who seems to be the authority on the DC records archives, is on Military Leave for the next two weeks, but the writer will contact him to confirm the information received from Jackson.



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6 June 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
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1. The attached memos from C/UDAC and Ed Sayle indicate a retired Agency "source" alleges that the Kronthal espionage information came from the debriefings of Dr. Otto John [redacted] by Justin O'Donnell [redacted] or William Corson.

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2. O'Donnell's file was reviewed. He entered the Agency through the OSS, where he had served in Egypt. His military record reflects an uncooperative and rebellious attitude. O'Donnell had instances of refusing to obey NCOs, exhibiting a sarcastic attitude toward them.

3. Another previous supervisor from the Pennsylvania Motor Police stated he "would betray a confidence if it were in his interest to do so." A third supervisor recalled he was "unhesitant about lying to further his own endeavors."

4. O'Donnell's Agency career was marked with instances of conflicts between him and his peers and supervisors. In 1955 he submitted a handwritten memorandum under the title, "Reasons Why I Think I Am Being Made a Target" (as an Agency scapegoat). Another late 1955 memo further illustrates instances of paranoia and intemperate acts.

5. In 1961 O'Donnell attended a meeting conducted by C. Tracy Barnes, then A/DDP where he alleged:

a. Failures in the CI/CE field, as evidenced by Communist penetrations of the DD/P. [redacted] a staff officer, was mentioned in this connection, but only as an example of poor management.

b. O'Donnell also noted several unnamed penetrations of SR Division, inferring that the penetrations were the reasons that SR had lost a number of agents.

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c. He alleged that he had been asked by the DD/P to go to the Congo and kill Patrice Lumumba. O'Donnell felt this "was basically wrong" and noted he would fight it.

While O'Donnell was asked on several occasions to put his allegations in writing and name names, he refused. This resulted in his dismissal, after several meetings with DCI Dulles failed to resolve his allegations.

6. O'Donnell subsequently went to work for DOD. A 14 September 1962 memo stated that he appeared to be on a personal vendetta against the Agency and reflected "his hatred for the CIA which he exhibited continuously."

7. A 15 February 1979 SAD MFR notes that in William Corson's book, The Armies of Ignorance, he singles out "my good friend" Justin O'Donnell among those he acknowledges for help in his book.

8. Otto John's 201 file has not been reviewed, but from the above information it is obvious that O'Donnell is a disgruntled former employee, grinding his ax against the Agency for their failure to believe his unsubstantiated claims of a penetration and other "wrongs" he feels were perpetrated against him. One would think that if disgruntled O'Donnell were contacted by or met disgruntled Corson, a fast friendship would have ensured.

9. Corson's service record (attached) does not have any indication that he was detailed to or served with the Agency, particularly during Allen Dulles' tenure as DCI, 1952-1960. Corson's security file [redacted] was started as result of his allegations of Agency employment. Corson does not have, and never has had, an Agency Personnel folder. Corson's ability to have been in a position to debrief Otto John seems seriously in doubt.

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5 June 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. On 5 June 1989 the undersigned interviewed Harlan Westrell [redacted] the retired chief of the Counterintelligence Branch of OS, at his home [redacted]. Westrell was interviewed concerning any information he may have about Subject's case. This memorandum is to report topics covered in the interview and document Subject's and Westrell's file.

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2. The following information was obtained during the course of the interview:

a. Westrell was chief of the CI Branch of OS and did not directly investigate the Kronthal case. Paul Gaynor [redacted] was investigating all cases involving HA.

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b. The Soviets were attempting to blackmail co-optees through weaknesses, such as HA, during this period. Blackmail potential was being carefully investigated [redacted] investigations of Agency employees. Subject had returned from overseas and was scheduled for a polygraph. It is believed that his HA would have been seen as a vulnerability and Subject's career would have been over. Rather than submit to the polygraph, ending his career, Subject committed suicide.

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c. Westrell stated that Subject's suicide came as a "great shock" to the Agency, DCI Dulles, and C/OPS Helms. There was no indication at the time that Subject was connected with the Soviets or any other intelligence service.

d. It is believed that Subject committed suicide using an OSS poison capsule, called an "L-pill," which could not be detected by autopsy. These capsules were given to OSS agents in case of capture. Subject, being ex-OSS, would have had access. Westrell recalled that while he was a security officer in Frankfurt, he personally disposed of remaining stocks of these OSS pills.

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e. Westrell had no information of the Subject's suicide notes. Neither did he recognize the name or have information on Corson as an aide to DCI Dulles, though he admitted it would have been possible.

f. As concerned the McCarthy list of subversive Agency employees, Westrell stated that Subject was on the list, but not a prime target. Many of the names on the list were from the Germany bases and concerned busted operations. McCarthy alleged that these bad operations were due to communists and subversives, but Westrell, who investigated the allegations against Agency employees, said most of the problems were due to "stupid operations" and poor tradecraft.

g. Westrell gave the writer several names that may have been related to the Subject's case and the McCarthy hearings. These files will be reviewed for useful information.

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5 June 1989

Briefing Notes  
Progress of Kronthal Case

\*\* As of this writing SAD has not established, other than through verbal speculation, that Kronthal was in any way familiar, connected with, or co-opted by the Soviet or any other intelligence service.

Planned Activities

Interviews

Harlan Westrell, DC/SRS 1953 -- Mond 5 Jun 89  
[redacted] SRS, 1953 -- Tues 6 Jun 89  
[redacted] found Kronthal's body -- 13 Jun 89

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Planned Interviews

Bruce Solie, ex-SRS  
Sam Papich, ex-FBI liaison w/ Agency  
Lawrence Hartnett, ex-DC Police Homicide, case investigator  
Richard Helms, ex-DCI, re aspects of Kronthal case  
Robert Gambino, ex-D/OS, re "Moles list of David S. Sullivan

Information to Retrieve

OMS files on Kronthal ( [redacted] is retrieving fm storage)  
DC Police Report of Investigation, from DC Archives  
Debriefings of Otto John from SE Vault  
201 file of Otto John

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(N.B. -- It is alleged that Otto John revealed to Soviet connection in the Kronthal case. A review of John's Security File and other info to date has not confirmed this allegation.)

Security Files Reviewed to Date

19 SFs reviewed in connection with aspects of this case

Interim Final Report

SAD plans an interim report to be completed NLT 16 June 1989

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31 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KRONTHAL, James Speyer  
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- (b)(6) 1. On the above date I telephoned [redacted] [redacted] informing him that I was calling from his old office and would like to speak with him concerning one of his previous "projects" when he was next in WDC. [redacted] stated he would be taking a cruise from St Michaels, MD beginning 14 June 1989 and would be amenable to an interview around 13 June 1989. He would have his son, a current Agency employee, contact me on his arrival and arrange a meeting time. (b)(3)  
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2. I contacted [redacted] son, [redacted] and told him of my conversation with his father. [redacted] stated he would contact me on his father's arrival circa 13 June. (b)(3)  
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3. I also spoke with [redacted] and arranged an interview at her residence on Tuesday, 6 June 1989 at 10:00 a.m. (b)(6)  
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4. I contacted Harlan Westrell [redacted] and arranged an interview at his residence on Monday, 5 June 1989 at 10:00 a.m. (b)(6)  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Deputy Director for Administration  
FROM: [redacted]  
Director of Security  
SUBJECT: James Speyer KRONTHAL, [redacted]

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BACKGROUND:

1. Subject is a deceased Agency employee who committed suicide in his Georgetown home on 31 March 1953. Subject was the topic of a Newsweek article "The Soviet's First CIA Mole," published in the 15 May 1989 issue (attachment A). The article makes reference to the book Widows, written by William Corson [redacted] and Joseph [redacted] & Susan Trento, which alleges that Subject had been co-opted by the Soviets due to his homosexuality. (C)

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- Coordinator of Information (COI)/OSS civilian employee  
7 Apr 1942 - Oct 1942
- OSS/Special Services Unit (SSU) Captain, US Army 9 Dec 1942 -  
Sep 1946
- SSU/CIG/CIA Sep 1946 - May 1947
- CIA May 1947 - Apr 1952 [redacted]
- CIA Apr 1952 - 31 Mar 1953 Training Officer/Operations
- 31 March 1953 -- Found dead at home, apparent suicide  
(attachment B) (S)

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SUBJECT: James Speyer KRONTHAL, [REDACTED]

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ALLEGATIONS IN "WIDOWS":

1. "Widows" alleges that Subject was a homosexual who was sent to Germany by his employer--a NY financial house called Speyer & Co.--to assist in selling artworks the Nazis confiscated from the Jews. It is alleged that the Gestapo found out about Subject's homosexuality, and that the Soviets found this record through a post-war penetration of BND. (U)

2. According to Widows, the Soviets, aware of Subject's proclivities, provided him with "Chinese boys" and filmed him engaging in sex acts with them. Subject was then coerced into providing the Soviets with "packets" of information. The Soviets, who wanted an "agent in place" in the Agency's highest office, eventually told Subject to press for assignment as head of clandestine services. (U)

3. It is further alleged that on 31 March 1953, the night Subject died, he dined at DCI Dulles' home. When Subject returned home, he wrote suicide letters to Dulles, Helms, and his sister and killed himself. Subject's body was discovered the next day by two Officers from the CIA's Office of Security. Lt. Hartnett, the investigating officer with DC's Homicide Squad, was "well-connected with the Agency" and was "charged with cleaning up messes" that the "CIA wanted hidden." (U)

4. Finally, Widows alleges that Subject's file is "buried deep in the archives of the CIA." (U)

AVAILABLE FACTS

1. Subject's Security file was destroyed in the late 1970s and his polygraph file was destroyed in October 1980. These files were destroyed routinely, following established procedures for the destruction of vintage personnel information. Based on information available from soft files, the review of the manuscript of "The New KGB" by Corson/Crowley and related security files, certain facts relating to the KRONTHAL case have been ascertained. (S)

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2. Subject's PHS reveals that Speyer & Co. was his employer from 1934-1938. He left to go back to Harvard when the company was liquidated in 1938. (C)

3. A 31 March 1953 FBI memorandum (attachment C) notes Subject's death and claims the Agency cleared him of allegations of homosexuality. The memo also reports that Subject's name was on Senator Joseph McCarthy's list of subversive Agency employees, a fact of which Subject was aware. (C)

4. A 3 April 1953 FBI memorandum (attachment D) concerning an interview with John W. Ford, Director of State Department Security, notes that he conducted an investigation of homosexual activities among CIA and State employees in 1951 and developed evidence that Kronthal was a homosexual. This evidence included a signed statement from [REDACTED] who had engaged in two homosexual acts with Subject. (S)

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5. Ford further stated that Kronthal was [REDACTED] by the Agency in the early summer of 1951. Ford monitored the test and recalls Kronthal's admission of at least one homosexual act. Ford felt Kronthal was not cashiered because he was a close friend of Allen Dulles and that the Agency felt the activity was in his past. (S)

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6. A 10 April 1953 FBI memorandum reports that DC coroner, Dr. Magruder MacDonald, reported that Kronthal's body had been tested for narcotics without result. Two blood samples from Kronthal were turned over to the FBI Laboratory for analysis. The Bureau Laboratory found no poisons in Subject's blood samples. (C)

7. An 8 December 1954 FBI memorandum (attachment E) details an interview with Agency employee George MUSULIN [REDACTED]. Musulin stated that Subject left a suicide letter that the DC Police found and was of the opinion that Sen. McCarthy had obtained a copy. The Agency had kept the original note, but the DC police had kept a copy. This memo also mentioned that Subject learned his name was on Sen. McCarthy's list and killed himself, rather than face the publicity. (S)

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8. Records also indicate that Kronthal's housekeeper, Lavinia Thomas, was at his house the morning of 31 March 1953. The Agency called Kronthal's house when he failed to show up for work and asked Thomas to wake him. She called him, but could not rouse him. (C)

9. Gould CASSAL and [REDACTED] who were actually with OPS Training (Kronthal's office) and not from OS, went to KRONTHAL's home, found him dead, and searched for Agency-related information. (S)

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10. In 1983 Robert Crowley submitted a manuscript for review by the CIA's Prepublication Review Board, as required by his Secrecy Agreement. The manuscript, coauthored by Corson, contained a discussion of the "Kronthal affair." In a 2 February 1984 letter to OGC Crowley cites material in the public domain concerning Kronthal's case and reveals this additional information:

a. Corson had interviewed Subject's sister, [REDACTED]. She stated that Subject's homosexuality was known to her and family members from the time he was 13-14 years old. Rodgers, who was ailing at the time, remains convinced Subject was "murdered by agents of the CIA" and was an addressee of one of three suicide notes left by the Subject.

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b. Also interviewed was [REDACTED] a first cousin of Subject, who related information about Subject's close association with John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles prior to WWII. [REDACTED] also notes Subject's homosexual preferences since late childhood.

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c. Note is made of DC Metro Police records at the National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland, which contain Police incident reports on Subject's suicide, including three suicide letters, addressed to: Subject's sister, Allen Dulles (then DCI), and Richard Helms (then Chief of Operations).

d. Corson interviewed Lt. Lawrence Hartnett, DC Metro Police Homicide Squad, in December. Hartnett threatened the two

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Agency officers [redacted] Gould Cassal, [redacted] on the scene with arrest for ransacking the Subject's house and possessions. Hartnett believes this disturbance of the crime scene made any conclusion except suicide unsupportable and still retains his investigation notebook. Hartnett was never satisfied that Subject committed suicide and believes the Subject might have been murdered. (S)

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11. Former DCI Richard Helms has advised that there was no thought whatsoever given to Subject being a spy for the Soviets. (S)

OS ACTIONS:

1. Continue to interview current and former Agency officers who may have information concerning this case, and attempt to locate old reference file information from internal and external sources. (C)

James P. Lynch

Attachments



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8 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: James Speyer KRONTHAL; *Newsweek* Article of  
15 May 1989, Entitled: "The Soviet's  
First CIA Mole"

1. On 8 May, Dick Helms told me the following concerning:

JAMES SPEYER KRONTHAL.

Dick knew KRONTHAL very well. KRONTHAL was a former OSS officer who served for us [redacted] and, indeed, committed suicide, probably in 1952. He was a bachelor and Dick thinks he probably was a homosexual. One day he did not show up for work and several employees went to his home and found him dead in bed. He evidently had taken something, but an autopsy was unable to determine what substance was in his system.

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There was no thought whatsoever given to him being a spy for the Soviets. Dick recalls that the polygraph at the time was uncovering cases of homosexuality, and Dick speculates that perhaps KRONTHAL realized he had no future with the Agency because of his homosexuality and committed suicide.

2. All portions of this document are classified SECRET.

Gardner R. Hathaway  
Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
for Counterintelligence

Attachment:  
*Newsweek* Article of  
15 May 1989

cc: DC/CIC/AG w/att  
ADDO/CI/GRHathaway/ [redacted] (8 May 89)

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17 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with PAO re "Widows"

1. On 17 May 1989, the undersigned contacted Bill Devine, Public Affairs Office, concerning "Widows" and the Kronthal case. Bill related that he had several calls from news services concerning Kronthal's Agency employment and Corson's allegations of connections with the Agency. The PAO stance at present is Corson has never been employed or connected with the Agency.

2. The undersigned also spoke with Sharon Basso, PAO, regarding Corson and Kronthal. It was related to Basso that Corson may have received a commendation memo from the Agency, along with three other military officers, [redacted]

[redacted] and is a far cry from being an Agency source or employee. (b)(1)  
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3. Basso stated she had been contacted by representatives of the ABC show "20/20". They plan to air a segment on "Widows" on Friday, 19 May, at 10pm. "20/20" was asking information concerning Corson and Paisley. She stated that, based on the 1953 acknowledgement of Kronthal's Agency employment to the newspapers after his death, PAO would continue to acknowledge his employment.

4. I have contacted [redacted] and requested a copy (b)(3) of the "20/20" segment for SAD.

[redacted] (b)(3)

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**TAB C**





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Standard Form No. 1153  
Form prescribed by  
Comptroller General, U. S.  
October 22, 1950  
(Gen. Reg. No. 164, Supp. No. 1)

### CLAIM OF DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY AND/OR SURVIVING SPOUSE FOR UNPAID COMPENSATION OF DECEASED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

1. I, Maude R. Kronthal, hereby make claim for the amount of UNPAID COMPENSATION  
(Type or print name)  
due from the United States or the District of Columbia in the case of James S. Kronthal,  
(Name of decedent)  
who died on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1953, while employed by Central Intelligence Agency  
(Department and bureau, agency, or establishment)

2. Do you certify that to the best of your knowledge and belief you are the person designated by the decedent  
to receive the UNPAID COMPENSATION due at his death? Yes If answer is "Yes," disregard 3 below.  
If you are a minor, state your age \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you certify that you were married to the decedent and to the best of your knowledge and belief that  
the marriage was not dissolved prior to the death of the employee? \_\_\_\_\_

Sign this form in the space provided below for claimant's signature, have your signature witnessed by two persons well acquainted  
with you, and forward the completed form to the Government agency in which the deceased was employed at time of death.

FINES, PENALTIES, and FORFEITURES are imposed by law for the making of false or fraudulent  
claims against the United States or the making of false statements in connection therewith.

Maude R. Kronthal  
(Signature of claimant)

4/21/53  
(Date)

730 Park Avenue, New York 21, N.Y.  
(Address of claimant)

#### TWO WITNESSES ARE REQUIRED

We certify that we are well acquainted with the above Maude R. Kronthal,  
(Name of claimant)  
and that signature of the claimant was affixed in our presence.

John J. Kronthal  
(Signature of witness)

2856 Vallejo Street San Francisco, Calif  
(Signature of witness)

William J. Kronthal  
(Address of witness)

same as above  
(Address of witness)

All Federal checks in the possession of the claimant, drawn to the order of the decedent in payment of compensation in the agency  
shown above, should accompany this claim

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Main P. O. Box 1929  
Washington 13, D. C.  
24 June 1953

Mr. Robert Wolf  
Counsellors at Law  
30 Broad Street  
New York 4 N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wolf:

In reply to your letter of April 22, 1953, there is enclosed a check in the amount of \$2,422.71 covering final salary and terminal leave payment for James S. Kronthal.

Very truly yours,

J. F. BAKER

Enclosure 1 Check

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*K. J. [unclear] / [unclear]*

15 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training  
SUBJECT : Service in the Field of U. S. Intelligence

In compliance with undated memorandum, your office, subject as above, attached is Record of Intelligence Service of the undersigned.

JAMES S. KRONTHAL  
Assistant Deputy Director of Training (Special)

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TOTAL	353	274
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BALANCE	325	274

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# DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY UNPAID COMPENSATION OF DECEASED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

IMPORTANT  
Read instructions  
on back of duplicate  
before filling in this form

## INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EMPLOYEE:

NAME— (Last) (First) (Middle) DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)

KRONTHAL, James S. Aug. 21, 1912

## DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IN WHICH EMPLOYED

(Department or agency)

(Bureau)

(Division)

I, the employee identified above, canceling any and all previous Designations of Beneficiary heretofore made by me, do now designate the beneficiary or beneficiaries named below to receive any UNPAID COMPENSATION due and payable under existing law after my death. I understand that this Designation of Beneficiary relates solely to Unpaid Compensation as defined in section 2 of the act of August 3, 1950, Public Law 636, and in no wise will affect the disposition of any benefit which may become payable under the Retirement Act applicable to my Government service. I further understand that this Designation of Beneficiary will remain in full force and effect, unless or until canceled by me in writing, so long as I am continuously employed in the above department or agency.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BENEFICIARY OR BENEFICIARIES:

Type or print first name, middle initial, and last name of each beneficiary	Type or print address of each beneficiary	Relationship	Share to be paid to each beneficiary
Maude R. KRONTHAL	138 East 71st St., New York, N.Y.	Mother	A&1

I hereby direct, unless otherwise indicated above, that, if more than one beneficiary is named, the share of any deceased beneficiary who may predecease me shall be distributed equally among the surviving beneficiaries, or entirely to the survivor. I understand that this Designation of Beneficiary shall be void if none of the designated beneficiaries is living at the time of my death.

I hereby specifically reserve the right to cancel or change any designation of beneficiary at any time in the manner and form prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States, and without knowledge or consent of the beneficiary.

March 21, 1951

(Date of execution—month, day, year)

James S. Kronthal

(Signature of employee)

## WITNESSES TO SIGNATURE:

Robert S. Carter

(Signature of witness)

Benn. Switzerland

(Number and street)

(City, zone number, and State)

Howard C. Bowman

(Signature of witness)

Benn. Switzerland

(Number and street)

(City, zone number, and State)

## PRINT OR TYPE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYEE

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RECEIVING DATA  
OF EMPLOYING AGENCY

(Indicate date and by whom received)

DELIVER BOTH COPIES TO THE PROPER OFFICER OF YOUR AGENCY—DUPLICATE WILL BE NOTED AND RETURNED

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17 March 1947

## MEMORANDUM FOR CONTROL

VIA: CHIEF, OPERATIONS  
FROM: CHIEF, FEM  
SUBJECT: Request for Designation of James Speyer Kronthal

1. It would be appreciated if you would request the State Department to designate James Speyer Kronthal as assistant attache, American Legation, Bern, Switzerland.

2. Subject will assume the position of Chief of Station which includes responsibility for all operations and administration of our Station in Switzerland.

3. Diplomatic passport is not requested.

4. Basic salary of subject is presently \$7102.00 per annum.

5. Subject will not be joined by members of his family at his post.

Richard Helms

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Washington, D.C.  
(PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT)

I, JAMES S. KRONTHAL, DO HEREBY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM)  
THAT I AM NOT ENGAGED IN ANY STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES AND THAT I WILL NOT SO ENGAGE WHILE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES; THAT I AM NOT A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION OF GOVERN-  
MENT EMPLOYEES THAT ASSERTS THE RIGHT TO STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT I WILL NOT WHILE A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE BECOME  
A MEMBER OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION.

James S. Kronthal  
(SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 25th DAY OF  
April, 1951 AT Washington, D.C., STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_.

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My Commission Expires Feb. 29, 1952





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## COMMUNICATIONS DEBRIEFING

I, JAMES S. K ROUTHAL do solemnly swear (or affirm) not to divulge any classified information concerning the department of the U.S. Government to which I am attached as of this date, including but not limited to its communications, communication channels and facilities, cryptographic systems, personnel, location, and methods of operation.

I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I shall not discuss, divulge, publish or cause to be published any information concerning the cryptographic facilities, systems or procedures employed by other departments or agencies of the U.S. Government of which I am cognizant by virtue of my communications duties or otherwise.

I do further swear (or affirm) that I shall not discuss, divulge, publish or cause to be published any classified information of which I am cognizant by virtue of my duties with the U.S. Government unless specifically authorized in writing in each case by the Head of the department to which I am attached this date.

I have read the provisions of the Espionage Act of June 15, 1917 40 Stat. 217, as amended, and it is my clear understanding that I am subject to the penalties of the Act for violation of its provisions.

I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that no classified papers, booklets, material, or equipment remain in my possession, and that all communications properties, classified and unclassified, have been returned to the proper authorities of this department.

I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion.

SIGNED James S. Krouthal  
DATE Nov. 2, 1949

WITNESS J. H. Ross  
TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE 2 Nov 49

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TO: OSO Security Officer  
Mr. John BonnetDATE: 11/2/49

FROM: CCD

SUBJECT: Communications Debriefing of James S. Keanthal

The above named individual has been debriefed by this office  
and a copy of the debriefing statement is attached for inclusion in the  
individual files.

FOR THE CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION:

*Louis P. Napol.*cc ~~by~~ LEONARD R. DAVISCC with Attachment:  
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**FUNDS PERSONNEL ACTION** *28 August 52*

NAME <b>KRONTHAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>23 August 52</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Reassignment</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>3 April 52</b>

	FROM	TO
TITLE	Intel Off (Chief of Station)	Intelligence Officer
GRADE AND SALARY	GS-15 \$10,800.00	GS-15 \$10,800.00
OFFICE	OSO	OSO
DIVISION		OSO
BRANCH		
OFFICIAL STATION		Washington, D.C.

**APPROVAL**

QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER	

*8/27/52* *8-26-52*

POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS ☐ YES ☐ NO

OATH OF OFFICE AND NO-STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON \_\_\_\_\_

SECURITY CLEARED ON \_\_\_\_\_

OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

ENTERED ON DUTY \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER)

REMARKS:

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LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR															
Standard Form No. 1137 General Regulations No. 102																											
Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S. June 28, 1946																											
LEAVE RECORD																											
MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL				SICK				MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL				SICK				ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY W-AVL-SUSPENDED				COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD			
		TAKEN		HRS. ACCR.	TAKEN		HRS. ACCR.	MONTH	PAY PER. NO.			TAKEN		HRS. ACCR.	TAKEN		HRS. ACCR.	DATE		TYPE	HRS. TOTAL	PAT PERIOD	HOURS WORKED	HOURS TAKEN	BAL.		
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APRIL								OCTOBER																			
MAY								NOVEMBER																			
JUNE								DECEMBER																			
LAST NAME KRONTHAL, JAMES S.														FIRST NAME AND INITIAL (REDACTED)													
IDENTIFICATION NO. (REDACTED)														TYPE OF APPOINTMENT (REDACTED)													
DATE 1946														AGENCY (REDACTED)													
CALENDAR YEAR 1946														CALENDAR YEAR 1946													

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Funds Personnel Action		
NAME	KRONTHAL, James S.	
DATE	5 June 1952	
NATURE OF ACTION	Reassignment	
EFFECTIVE DATE	22 June 1952	
	FROM	TO
TITLE	Intelligence Officer (GS-15) <del>GS-15</del>	Training Instr. (Ch.) U207
GRADE AND SALARY	GS-15 \$10,800.	GS-1710-15 \$10,800.00
OFFICE	OSO	TBS
DIVISION	EE/OSO	Quasi Military Training Div.
BRANCH	Washington, D. C. (Field)	
OFFICIAL STATION	Washington, D. C.	
APPROVAL		
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER	
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
OATH OF OFFICE AND NO-STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER)		
REMARKS:		
For _____ purposes only.		

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[REDACTED] FUNDS PERSONNEL ACTION		
NAME <b>KRONTHAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>23 August 52</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Reassignment</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>3 April 52</b>
	FROM	TO
TITLE	<b>Intel Off (Chief of Station)</b>	<b>Intelligence Officer</b>
GRADE AND SALARY	<b>GS-15 \$10,800.00</b>	<b>GS-15 \$10,800.00</b>
OFFICE	<b>OSO</b>	<b>OSO</b>
DIVISION	<b>FDM</b>	<b>EE/OSO</b>
BRANCH		
OFFICIAL STATION		<b>Washington, D.C.</b>
APPROVAL		
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	<b>8/27/52</b> <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>f-2652</b>	
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
OATH OF OFFICE AND NO-STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
		(SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER) <b>132</b>
REMARKS:		

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*Kenneth James S.*

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## Security Information

DATE: AUG 28 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED]

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: Chief, *EE*

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FROM

: Chief, Accounts Branch, Finance Division

SUBJECT

: Outstanding Balance in Advance Account

1. Attached is a statement of your advance account.

2. In accordance with Notice No. 85-52 dated 26 June 1952, signed by the Acting Deputy Director, subject: "Accounting for additional advances may not be made to you until this advance is settled by accounting and/or refund."

3. Accountings must be rendered monthly or for such shorter period as may have been provided by the terms of your advance.

4. The Finance Division must report to the Comptroller all cases where there is not strict compliance with the requirements of these regulations.

5. Your cooperation in the prompt accounting for your advance is requested.

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*for* WILEN M. STOCK

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STATEMENT OF ADVANCE

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PREVIOUS BALANCE	DATE	VOUCHER NO.	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	NEW BALANCE
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STANDARD FORM 52  
 PREPARED BY THE  
 U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
 MANUAL, CHAPTER 10  
 REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL ACTION

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REQUESTING OFFICE: Fill in Items 1 through 12 and A through D except 6B and 7 unless otherwise instructed.  
 If applicable, obtain resignation and fill in separation data on reverse.

1. NAME (Mr.—Miss—Mrs.—One given name, initial(s), and surname) <b>Mr. James S. KRONTEAL</b>		2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. REQUEST NO.	4. DATE OF REQUEST <b>17 Feb 51</b>
5. NATURE OF ACTION REQUESTED: A. PERSONNEL (Specify whether appointment, promotion, separation, etc.) <b>Reassignment</b>		6. EFFECTIVE DATE A. PROPOSED:		7. C. S. OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
8. POSITION (Specify whether establish, change grade or title, etc.)		9. APPROVED: <b>29 MAR 53</b>		
FROM— <b>Training Officer</b> <b>GS-15</b> <b>\$10,800 76m</b> <b>Office of Training (TRS)</b> <b>Office Deputy Director (Special)</b> <b>Washington, D.C.</b>		10. POSITION TITLE AND NUMBER	TO— <b>Deputy Director (Training Spec)</b> <b>GS-15m</b> <b>\$10,800</b> <b>Office of Training (TRS)</b> <b>Office of Deputy Dir. (trg Spec)</b> <b>Washington, D.C.</b>	
11. HEADQUARTERS		12. FIELD OR DEPARTMENTAL		
<input type="checkbox"/> FIELD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENTAL		<input type="checkbox"/> FIELD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENTAL		

A. REMARKS (Use reverse if necessary)

Vice Rolfe Kingsley

B. REQUESTED BY (Name and title) <b>Colonel Baird</b>		D. REQUEST APPROVED BY <b>Matthew Baird</b> Signature: <b>MATTHEW BAIRD</b> Title: <b>Director of Training</b>	
C. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL (Name and telephone extension) <b>Mr. Charles Kerlin</b> <b>3078</b>			
13. VETERAN PREFERENCE NONE <input type="checkbox"/> WWI <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> 5-PT. <input type="checkbox"/> 10-POINT <input type="checkbox"/> DISAB. OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>		14. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION NEW <input type="checkbox"/> VICE <input type="checkbox"/> L. A. <input type="checkbox"/> REAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. SEX <b>M</b>	16. RACE <b>W</b>	17. APPROPRIATION FROM: <b>[REDACTED]</b> TO: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)
		19. DATE OF APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	20. LEGAL RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMED <input type="checkbox"/> PROVED STATE:

21. STANDARD FORM 50 REMARKS

22. CLEARANCES	INITIAL OR SIGNATURE	DATE	REMARKS:
A.			
B. CEIL OR POS. CONTROL			
C. CLASSIFICATION			
D. PLACEMENT OR EMPL.			
E.			

F. APPROVED BY

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## 23. RESIGNATION

I RESIGN FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

FEB 18 11 20 AM '53

DATE

MY LAST WORKING DAY WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE)

## 24. SEPARATION DATA

FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING SALARY CHECKS AND BONDS, TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

(STREET)

(CITY)

(ZONE)

(STATE)

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

## QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

Essential:

Desired:

(if pertinent)

AGE RANGE

SEX

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS (Experience, Skills, Languages, Area Knowledge, etc.)

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS (Experience, Skills, Languages, Area Knowledge, etc.)

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31 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: James Kronthal.

1. Shortly before noon 31 March 1953 the Personnel Director received a call from Colonel Edwards, Security Officer, CIA, advising that subject individual had been found dead at his residence at about 10:30 AM the same day. Colonel Edwards advised that an empty vial had been found by the body and the presumption was that subject had taken poison.

2. Shortly after twelve noon the Personnel Director called [REDACTED] is subject's brother-in-law and he was called in preference to subject's next of kin, his Mother, since it was understood the Mother [REDACTED] was told that subject had committed suicide. The Personnel Director said he did not know the method used, but was sure he had not shot himself. The Personnel Director also indicated that he did not know the details at that time. [REDACTED] was asked to break the news to the subject's Mother. [REDACTED] agreed to do this, but wanted his wife, subject's sister, to be present at that time.

3. At 2:15 PM [REDACTED] called back and talked to [REDACTED]. He said he had not talked with the Mother as yet and asked if there were any other details. [REDACTED] promised to call him back and after talking with Colonel Edwards he was called back at 2:30 PM. [REDACTED] was advised that the presumption was that subject had committed suicide by taking poison, since an empty vial had been found by his bed. The coroner must examine to determine cause. The body is in the morgue and after autopsy will be turned over to the undertaker of the family's choice.

4. [REDACTED] was further advised that Agency officials were working closely with the Metropolitan Police and that as soon as the autopsy was performed and the body released that someone from CIA would again be in touch with him.

5. While Colonel Edwards had indicated that there had been a personal note left for an acquaintance of subject, no mention was made of this to [REDACTED] since it presumably has no bearing on his family relationships.

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STANDARD FORM 52 PROCESSED BY THE U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BUREAU OF PERSONNEL MANUAL CHAPTER 23		SECURITY INFORMATION	
<b>REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL ACTION</b>			
REQUESTING OFFICE: Fill in items 1 through 12 and A through D except 6B and 7 unless otherwise instructed. If applicable, obtain resignation and fill in separation data on reverse.			
1. NAME (Mr.—Miss—Mrs.—One given name, initial(s), and surname)		2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. REQUEST NO.
Mr. James S. KRONTHAL			
4. NATURE OF ACTION REQUESTED: A. PERSONNEL (Specify whether appointment, promotion, separation, etc.)		5. EFFECTIVE DATE A. PROPOSED:	6. DATE OF REQUEST
Termination by Death		30 March	1 April 53
B. POSITION (Specify whether establish, change grade or title, etc.)		B. APPROVED:	7. C. S. OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
		30 March 1953	
FROM— Deputy Director TRS GS-715 \$10,800  Office of Training (TRS) Office of Deputy Director TRS  Washington D.C.		8. POSITION TITLE AND NUMBER	TO—
		9. SERVICE GRADE AND SALARY	
		10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	
		11. HEADQUARTERS	
<input type="checkbox"/> FIELD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENTAL		12. FIELD OR DEPARTMENTAL	<input type="checkbox"/> FIELD <input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENTAL
A. REMARKS (Use reverse if necessary)			
B. REQUESTED BY (Name and title)		D. REQUEST APPROVED BY	
C. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL (Name and telephone extension)		Signature: <i>Matthew Baird</i> MATTHEW BAIRD	
Mr. <i>[Redacted]</i>		Title: Director of Training	
13. VETERAN PREFERENCE		14. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION	
NONE WWII OTHER S-PT 15-POINT DISAB. OTHER		NEW VICE L A REAL	
15. SEX M W	16. RACE	17. APPROPRIATION FROM: <i>[Redacted]</i> TO:	18. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)
			19. DATE OF APPOINT- MENT AFFIDAVITS (ACCESSIONS ONLY)
			20. LEGAL RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMED <input type="checkbox"/> PROVED STATE:
21. STANDARD FORM 50 REMARKS			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>POSTED</b>  1953 Kex </div>			
22. CLEARANCES	INITIAL OR SIGNATURE	DATE	REMARKS:
A.			
B. CEIL. OR POS. CONTROL			
C. CLASSIFICATION			
D. PLACEMENT OR EMPL.			
E.			
F. APPROVED BY <i>[Redacted]</i>			

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## 23. RESIGNATION.

I RESIGN FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MY LAST WORKING DAY WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_

(SIGNATURE) \_\_\_\_\_

## 24. SEPARATION DATA

FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING SALARY CHECKS AND BONDS, TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

(STREET) \_\_\_\_\_

(CITY) \_\_\_\_\_

(ZONE) \_\_\_\_\_

(STATE) \_\_\_\_\_

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

## QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

Essential:

Desired:

AGE RANGE \_\_\_\_\_ (if pertinent)

SEX \_\_\_\_\_

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS (Experience, Skills, Languages, Area Knowledge, etc.)

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS (Experience, Skills, Languages, Area Knowledge, etc.)

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NAME: KRONTHAL, James		INITIAL <i>JKS</i> DATE 10-21-46	
NATURE OF ACTION: <i>Exempted</i> Appointment		CLASSIFICATION	
EFFECTIVE DATE: 20 October 1946		VICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW <i>CSC Pending</i> 10-18-46	
FOR SEPARATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT, AND RESIGNATIONS LAST WORKING DAY:		BUDGET <i>E.R.S.</i> 10-18-46	
FOR RESIGNATIONS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:		EMPLOYMENT <i>JKS</i> 10/21/46	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 1. FOR MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT PAY—ATTACH 3 COPIES OF MILITARY ORDERS AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A PHOTO-STAT OR CERTIFIED COPY. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE LEAVE UNIT, FINANCE BRANCH, FOR SEPARATIONS OR RESIGNATIONS.		Schedule A-4-4 CSC letter of 10/19/46	
FROM		CHIEF, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL BRANCH <i>JKS</i> 10/21/46	
TO		Intelligence Analyst P-6 Division Chief	
TITLE	Division Chief	P-6 \$7102.20	
GRADE AND SALARY	P-6 \$7102.20 (UV)	Special Operations A-DSB	
BRANCH	FSRO-DSB	C	
DIVISION	C	Washington, D.C.	
SECTION		Dept.	
OFFICIAL STATION	Washington, D.C.	Dept.	
DEPT. OR FIELD	Dept.		

REMARKS OR PROPOSED DUTIES:

*acting Chief of Division C*

EOD 16 Sept 1946 @ \$7102.20 - P-6

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~RECOMMENDED: *William G. Thurb*

DATE

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OFFICE CHIEF, BRANCH CHIEF, OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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DIVISION	201 25		
SECTION	OFFICIAL STATION:	SEX:	AGE:
UNIT	SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS — LANGUAGES, ETC.		
COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION:			

RECOMMENDED:

REQUEST FOR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT

GROUP

REPORT OF PERSONNEL ACTION  
(FIELD)  
DEPARTMENTAL

Info

1. Date: <u>22 October 1946</u>		14. Civil Service Report Series (Temp.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Perm.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. TO: <u>James S. Kronthal</u> <small>First Name Middle Initial Last Name</small>		15. Date of Birth: <u>8/21/1912</u>
3. S. S. NO. _____		16. Civil Service or Other Legal Authority: <u>Schedule CSC letter of 10/16/46</u>
4. THROUGH: _____ <small>Office in which Employed or to be Employed</small>		17. Appropriation or Fiscal Authority: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
This is to notify you of the following action concerning your employment, which is subject to the provisions on the reverse hereof. This form is an official record of your service history in the War Department and should be retained for future reference.		
5. NATURE OF ACTION (Use standard terminology): <u>Accepted Appointment</u>		6. EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>20 October 1946</u>
7. POSITION TITLE	(FROM)	(TO)
8. SERVICE GRADE AND SALARY		<u>Intelligence Analyst P-6</u>
9. FORCE AND SERVICE OR COMMAND		<u>P-6, \$7102.20 per annum</u>
10. INSTALLATION AND LOCATION		<u>Special Operations A-DSB</u>
11. ORGANIZATION UNIT		<u>C</u>
12. DUTY STATION AND LOCATION		<u>Washington, D. C.</u>
13. REMARKS:		18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<p>"Non-strike" affidavit has been properly executed. This excepted appointment under Schedule <u>[REDACTED]</u> will in no way alter any status which you may have previously acquired.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For the Commanding Officer: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Chief, Personnel Division</p>		19. Non Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> VETERAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Pref. <input type="checkbox"/> SPt. <input type="checkbox"/> 10Pt. <input type="checkbox"/>
		20. Civil Service Retirement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		21. Subject to Bureau of Budget Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		22. White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negro <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
		23. Position Reference or Job Description Manual Number: <u>CSC Pending 10/18/46 IA</u>
		24. Date of Oath (Accession Action Only): <u>10/22/46</u>

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## ENGAGEMENT SHEET

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1. To be filled out in duplicate by the Unit Administrative Officer for all prospective employees to be paid from ~~Special~~ Funds.
2. To be accompanied by detailed job description, complete biographical sketch, and a formal notice of security clearance, and Personnel Action Request if engagement is overseas.
3. To be approved or accepted by the officers in the order listed below.
4. Original to be retained by S.F.; copy to be returned to initiating Administrative Officer.

10 April 1947

1. NAME: James Kronthal
2. LEGAL RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. ADDRESS OF LOCAL LIVING QUARTERS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. \_\_\_\_\_
4. ENTRANCE ON DUTY DATE: 5 May 4 April 1947
5. ANNUAL SALARY: \$7102.20 CLASSIFICATION: cf-13
6. PERMANENT STATION: Switzerland
7. POSITION: Intelligence Analyst Chief of Station CONTROL NO. FEW
8. IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED, STATE BUREAU, BRANCH, OR DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FROM WHICH TRANSFERRED: \_\_\_\_\_
9. GENERAL REMARKS: Please transfer leave balances from ~~Special~~ funds.  
Security concurrence requested 10 April 1947.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE  
(in accordance with existing personnel engagement procedures)

- |   |                    |      |                      |
|---|--------------------|------|----------------------|
| A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER               | <u>[Signature]</u> | DATE | _____                |
| B. BRANCH CHIEF                         | <u>[Signature]</u> | DATE | <u>10 April 1947</u> |
| C. CHAIRMAN, PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMITTEE | <u>[Signature]</u> | DATE | <u>4/11/47</u>       |
| D. (For the) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR         | <u>[Signature]</u> | DATE | <u>11 apr 47</u>     |
| E. CHIEF, <del>Special</del> FUNDS      | <u>[Signature]</u> | DATE | <u>4/25/47</u>       |

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15 May 1947

TO: Wallace H. Summers  
Bern

SUBJECT: James H. Kromthal

1. This is to advise you that subject has been approved for a Group II classification for quarters allowance effective upon his arrival at your post.

2. The Group II classification for quarters allowance for [REDACTED] should be discontinued upon subject's arrival in Bern.

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 1946

BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-1004

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

## NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Memo 130

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST) <b>Mr. James S. Kronthal</b>		2. DATE OF BIRTH <b>8/21/1912</b>	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE <b>15 May 1947</b>
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:				
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) <b>Resignation*</b>		6. EFFECTIVE DATE <b>3 May 1947</b>	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY	
FROM <b>Intelligence Analyst F-6</b>  <b>F-6 \$7102.20 per annum</b>  <b>Special Operations A-DEB</b> <b>C</b>  <b>Washington, D. C.</b>		8. POSITION TITLE	TO	
		9. SERVICE GRADE, SALARY		
		10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS		
		11. HEADQUARTERS		
<input type="checkbox"/> FIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	<input type="checkbox"/> FIELD	<input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENTAL
13. REMARKS <b>*To accept other Employment.</b> <b>LAST WORKING DAY: 2 May 1947.</b> <b>TERMINAL LEAVE : 5 May 1947 thru 14 May 1947</b> <b>(sixty-four hours.)</b>				
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15. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE		16. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION		
NONE	5 PT.	10 POINT	WWII	WWI
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISAB	WIFE	WIDOW
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
17. SEX	18. RACE	20. SUBJECT TO C. S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		
19. APPROPRIATION		21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE	
FROM: <b>[REDACTED]</b>			<b>New York</b>	
TO: <b>[REDACTED]</b>				

4. PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

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VIA AIR POUCH

10 May 1947

TO: Lyle S. Graham  
Heidelberg

SUBJECT: Financial Arrangements

1. Enclosed you will find the FIDES's for James S. Krentzel and ~~William S. Krentzel~~ setting forth financial arrangements requested by them prior to their departure.

2. Our records have been set up according to the instructions thereon and payments will be made accordingly.

Enclosures  
GBP:jt

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AIR

JAMES KRONTHAL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Administrative  
Foreign Duty Data Sheet

1. Attached is the Foreign Duty Data Sheet for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Attachment

RCR:rk

[REDACTED] 104  
[REDACTED] -1827  
2115150

ADMIN

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Richard Helms

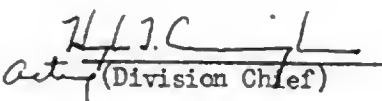
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NAME <b>KRONTHAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>23 May 1951.</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Periodic Pay Increase</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>15 April 1951.</b>
TITLE	FROM	TO
	Intelligence Officer GS-14 Chief of Station	Intelligence Officer GS-14 Chief of Station
	GRADE AND SALARY	
	GS-14 \$9000.00	GS-14 \$9200.00
	OFFICE	
OSO	OSO	
DIVISION	FDM	FDM
BRANCH		
OFFICIAL STATION	Berne, Switzerland	Berne, Switzerland
APPROVAL		
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER <del>██████████</del> 5-26/51	
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
OATH OF OFFICE AND NO STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
<p style="text-align: right;">SUANT TO DCI DIRECTIVE TIVE 24 OCT. 1951 PAY ADJUSTED TO \$ 10,000.</p>		
REMARKS: L.S.I. - 16 October 1949. Periodic Pay Increase.		
This is to certify that the conduct and services of the employee are satisfactory in all respects.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVED FOR RELEASE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/00 b3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">               Acting (Division Chief)           </p>		

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FUNDS BRANCH

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## OFFICIAL DISPATCH

VIA: ~~AIR~~  
SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCH

FD-514

DISPATCH NO. MSB-W-3071~~SECRET~~  
CLASSIFICATION

TO :

DATE: 8 August 1951

FROM :

SUBJECT: GENERAL.

SPECIFIC-

~~Administrative~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - *James A. Knox, et al*

This is to advise subject that we have this date deposited the sum of \$316.49 to his bank account in reimbursement for his travel expenses incurred during the period from 28 April to 28 May 1951.

Subject's Voucher was approved in the total amount of \$616.49; however, \$300.00 of this amount has been credited to his Advance Account, leaving the balance of \$316.49 to his allottee.

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74LJ.C  
RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICER

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

HUGH CUNNINGHAM/FDM

CLASSIFICATION



## OFFICIAL DISPATCH

MSB-W-3141

VIA AIR  
(Specify Air or Sea Pouch)

FD 148

DISPATCH NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRET**

CLASSIFICATION

TO \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 20 September 1951

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT { GENERAL  
SPECIFIC**Administrative****Travel Voucher - [REDACTED]***James S. Krontz*

1. Travel voucher for [REDACTED] covering the period 3 July to 8 July 1951 was approved in the amount of \$816.31.

2. The amount of \$769.56 was credited to his advance account and the amount of \$46.75 was deposited to his bank account.

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Hugh T. Cunningham - FDM

(Releasing officer)

(Coordinating officer)

(Authenticating officer)

CLASSIFICATION

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LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR									
Standard Form No. 1137 General Regulations No. 102												Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S. June 28, 1946									
LEAVE RECORD																					
MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		SICK		MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		SICK		ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY W-AWL-SUSPENDED				COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD					
		TAKEN HRS.	TOTAL HRS.	TAKEN HRS.	TOTAL HRS.			TAKEN HRS.	TOTAL HRS.	TAKEN HRS.	TOTAL HRS.	DATE	TYPE	HRS.	TOTAL	PAY PERIOD	HOURS WORKED	HOURS TAKEN	BAL.		
JANUARY	16	✓	✓	4	✓		JULY	21	✓	✓	✓	✓	16								
						60															
FEBRUARY	3	✓	✓	20	✓	16	AUGUST	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	16								
						20															
MARCH	3	✓	✓	36	✓	16	SEPTEMBER	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	128								
	31	✓	✓	52	✓	16															
APRIL	28	✓	✓	68	✓	16	OCTOBER	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	128								
						40															
MAY	26	✓	✓	84	✓	16	NOVEMBER	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	128								
						60															
JUNE	23	✓	✓	100	✓	16	DECEMBER	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	128								
						60		31	12	52	268	✓	128	120							
												REMARKS				YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS)					
												T.A.A. 845.				ITEM				ANNUAL	SICK
																BAL. FORWARDED				180	49
																YR. ACCRUAL				208	12
																TOTAL				488	610
																TOTAL TAKEN				52	128
																BALANCE				436	482

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR	
KRONTHAL, James S		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]				5-5-47				1951	

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FUND'S PERSONNEL ACTION 20 June 52

NAME <b>KRONTHAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>5 June 1952</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Reassignment</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>22 June 1952</b>
	FROM	TO
TITLE	<b>Intelligence Officer (OSO)</b>	<b>Training Instr. (Ch.)</b>
GRADE AND SALARY	<b>GS-15 \$10,800.</b>	<b>GS-15 \$10,800.00</b>
OFFICE	<b>OSO</b>	<b>TRS</b>
DIVISION	<b>EE/OSO</b>	<b>Quasi Military Training Div.</b>
BRANCH		
OFFICIAL STATION	<b>Washington, D. C. (Field)</b>	<b>Washington, D. C.</b>
APPROVAL		
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR <i>Matthew Baird</i>	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i>	
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
OATH OF OFFICE AND NO-STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER) _____		
REMARKS:  For blocking purposes only.  <b>POSTED</b> <i>[Signature]</i>  <b>APPROVED FOR RELEASE</b> <i>3/00 b3</i>		

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## PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY. IF QUESTION DOES NOT APPLY WRITE "NOT APPLICABLE". WRITE "UNKNOWN" ONLY IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER AND CANNOT OBTAIN THE ANSWER FROM PERSONAL RECORDS. USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER FOR EXTRA DETAILS ON ANY QUESTION OR QUESTIONS FOR WHICH YOU DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT ROOM. ATTACH TWO RECENT PASSPORT SIZE PICTURES TO THIS FORM. DATE TAKEN WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF EACH. TYPE, PRINT OR WRITE CAREFULLY; ILLEGIBLE OR INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT RECEIVE CONSIDERATION.

HAVE YOU READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS?

YES ☒NO ☐

## SECTION 1. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

NAME ☐ MISS ☐ FIRST MIDDLE LAST TELEPHONE  
 MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ JAMES SPDYER KRONTHAL Bern 2-08-47

PRESENT ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE COUNTRY  
 Junkernasse 37 Bern Switzerland

LEGAL RESIDENCE STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE COUNTRY  
 138 East 71st St. New York New York U.S.A.

NICKNAMES OTHER NAMES THAT YOU HAVE USED  
 Jim, Jimmy none

UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE YOU EVER USED THESE NAMES? HOW LONG?  
 not applicable not applicable

IF LEGAL CHANGE, GIVE PARTICULARS (WHERE, WHEN AND BY WHAT AUTHORITY)  
 not applicable

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH CITY STATE COUNTRY  
 21 August 1912 Deal New Jersey U.S.A.

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP ACQUIRED BY:  
 U.S.A. BIRTH ☒ MARRIAGE ☐ NATURALIZATION ☐

NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER DATE ISSUED NAME OF COURT  
 not applicable

LOCATION OF COURT CITY STATE COUNTRY  
 not applicable

PREVIOUS CITIZENSHIP DATE FROM: TO:  
 not applicable

OTHER CITIZENSHIPS (GIVE PARTICULARS)  
 not applicable

STEPS TAKEN TO CHANGE PRESENT NATIONALITY (GIVE PARTICULARS)  
 not applicable

LAST U.S. PASSPORT NUMBER DATE PLACE OF ISSUE  
 Diplomatic 396 25 April 1947 Washington, D.C.

ALL OTHER U.S. PASSPORTS YOU HAVE HAD (GIVE APPROXIMATE DATES)  
 1939, 1934, 1932, 1928

PASSPORTS OF OTHER NATIONS

not applicable

IF BORN OUTSIDE U.S. DATE OF ARRIVAL IN THIS COUNTRY PORT OF ENTRY PASSPORT OF COUNTRY  
 not applicable

LAST U.S. VISA NUMBER TYPE DATE PLACE OF ISSUE  
 not applicable

## SECTION 2. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

AGE SEX HEIGHT WEIGHT EYES HAIR  
 35 Male 5'6" 125 Hazel Light Brown

COMPLEXION SCARS BUILD  
 fair slight

OTHER DISTINGUISHING FEATURES  
 usually wear glasses

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DATE OF SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

PLACE

REASON FOR SEPARATION OR DIVORCE  
not applicable

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR FORMER WIFE OR HUSBAND AND GIVE DATA REQUIRED BELOW FOR ALL PREVIOUS MARRIAGES.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND	FIRST	MIDDLE (FOR WIFE, MAIDEN)	LAST	DATE OF MARRIAGE	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	(HIS OR HER) ADDRESS BEFORE MARRIAGE	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY

LIVING ☐ DECEASED ☐ DATE OF DECEASE CAUSE

PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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CITIZENSHIP	DATE ACQUIRED	WHERE ACQUIRED	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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OCCUPATION LAST EMPLOYER

EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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DATE OF MILITARY SERVICE	FROM:	TO:	BRANCH OF SERVICE	COUNTRY
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OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN (GIVE DETAILS)

## SECTION 4. CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS (INCLUDE PARTIAL DEPENDENTS)

NAME	not applicable	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
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CITIZENSHIP	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
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CITIZENSHIP	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
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CITIZENSHIP	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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## SECTION 5. PARENTS

NOTE: FOR STEPFATHER, STEPMOTHER AND/OR GUARDIAN, GIVE THE SAME INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BELOW ON SEPARATE SHEET

NAME OF FATHER	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	LIVING <input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/>
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DATE OF DECEASE	CAUSE
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PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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CITIZENSHIP	DATE ACQUIRED	WHERE ACQUIRED	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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OCCUPATION LAST EMPLOYER

EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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## SECTION 5. PARENTS (CONTINUED TO PAGE 3)

DATE OF MILITARY SERVICE	FROM: not applicable	TO:	BRANCH OR SERVICE	COUNTRY
OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN (GIVE DETAILS)				
NAME OF MOTHER		FIRST	MAIDEN	LAST
DATE OF DECEASE		CAUSE		LIVING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS		STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
CITIZENSHIP		DATE ACQUIRED	WHERE ACQUIRED	CITY STATE COUNTRY
OCCUPATION		LAST EMPLOYER		
EMPLOYER'S OR OWN BUSINESS ADDRESS		STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
GOVERNMENT SERVICE, U.S. OR FOREIGN (GIVE DETAILS)				
SECTION 6. BROTHERS AND SISTERS (INCLUDING HALF-, STEP-, AND ADOPTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS)				
NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
PRESENT ADDRESS		STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
PRESENT ADDRESS		STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
NAME		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
PRESENT ADDRESS		STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
SECTION 7. PARENTS-IN-LAW				
NAME OF FATHER-IN-LAW		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
DATE OF DECEASE		CAUSE		LIVING <input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS		STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
CITIZENSHIP		DATE ACQUIRED	WHERE ACQUIRED	CITY STATE COUNTRY
OCCUPATION		LAST EMPLOYER		
NAME OF MOTHER-IN-LAW		FIRST	MAIDEN	LAST
DATE OF DECEASE		CAUSE		LIVING <input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS		STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE COUNTRY
CITIZENSHIP		DATE ACQUIRED	WHERE ACQUIRED	CITY STATE COUNTRY
OCCUPATION		LAST EMPLOYER		

## Section 8. Relatives

James S. Ironthal

I have about two second cousins and six third cousins, all French citizens, living, I believe, in Paris. I do not know all their names and have met them only occasionally. They are the descendants of a deceased great-aunt, American-born, who married a Frenchman. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NAME		RELATIONSHIP		AGE
CITIZENSHIP	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
TYPE AND LOCATION OF SERVICE (IF KNOWN)				
NAME		RELATIONSHIP		AGE
CITIZENSHIP	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
TYPE AND LOCATION OF SERVICE (IF KNOWN)				
SECTION 9. EDUCATION				
SCHOOL	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Cutler	Madison Avenue	New York	New York	U.S.A.
DATES ATTENDED	FROM	TO	DEGREE	
	1920	1924		
SCHOOL	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Lincoln School of Teachers College	425 West 123rd St.	New York	New York	U.S.A.
DATES ATTENDED	FROM	TO	DEGREE	
	1925	1930	High School Diploma	
COLLEGE	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Yale		New Haven	Conn.	U.S.A.
DATES ATTENDED	FROM	TO	DEGREE	
	1930	1934	B.A.	
COLLEGE	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Harvard		Cambridge	Mass.	U.S.A.
DATES ATTENDED	FROM	TO	DEGREE	
	1938	1941	M.A.	
SECTION 10. SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS (CONTINUED TO PAGE 5)				

## SECTION 10. SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

CLASSIFICATION 1 C (?)	ORDER NUMBER 897	APPROXIMATE INDUCTION DATE 13 October 1942	BOARD NUMBER 32
ADDRESS OF BOARD 660 Madison Avenue		CITY New York	STATE New York

REASON FOR STATE REASON:

I am now commissioned in the Reserve Corps

## SECTION 11. MILITARY, NAVAL OR OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICE - UNITED STATES OR FOREIGN

COUNTRY U.S.A.	SERVICE Army	SERVICE FROM: DATES 13 October 1942	TO: 16 October 1946
GRADE Captain	SERIAL NUMBER C-523011	TYPE OF DISCHARGE Honorable Service	

LAST STATION SSU - Istanbul, Turkey	COMMANDING OFFICER Lt. Col. Alfred E. Hudson
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## REMARKS:

As commissioned officer, I am not yet technically discharged, but only separated from the service on inactive duty status. Also hold a commission as Captain MI in the Army Reserve Corps. Permission was obtained to leave the U.S.

## SECTION 12. CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF EMPLOYMENT (USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)

NOTE: INCLUDE BELOW PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND CASUAL EMPLOYMENT. GIVE ADDRESS AND STATE WHAT YOU DID DURING PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. INCLUDE LAST 5 POSITIONS AND COVER AT LEAST 15 YEARS.

EMPLOYER Speyer & Co.		JOB TITLE Financial Analyst	
ADDRESS 24-26 Pine Street		CITY New York	STATE New York
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALITY Statistical & financial investment analysis		NAME OF SUPERVISOR Charles G. Stachelberg	
DATES COVERED October 1934	FROM: September 1938	SALARY \$3000	PER annum
REASONS FOR LEAVING Liquidation of firm			

EMPLOYER Harvard University & Radcliffe College		JOB TITLE Asst. Instructor	
ADDRESS Cambridge, Mass.		CITY Cambridge	STATE Mass.
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALITY Teaching History of Art		NAME OF SUPERVISOR Chandler R. Post	
DATES COVERED October 1940	FROM: June 1941	SALARY \$5000	PER 6 months
REASONS FOR LEAVING Accepted fellowship to write thesis			

EMPLOYER Office of Strategic Services		JOB TITLE Analyst	
ADDRESS Washington, D. C.		CITY Washington	STATE D. C.
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALITY Analysis of Reports		NAME OF SUPERVISOR DeWitt C. Poole	
DATES COVERED April 1942	FROM: September 1942	SALARY \$2500	PER annum

## REASONS FOR LEAVING

Induction into U.S. Army

EMPLOYER SSU/OIG		JOB TITLE Intelligence Analyst	
ADDRESS Washington		CITY Washington	STATE D. C.
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALITY		NAME OF SUPERVISOR	

DUTIES AND SPECIALITY Analysis of reports, etc.		NAME OF SUPERVISOR Lester C. Rouch	
DATES COVERED	FROM: September 1946	TO: May 1947	SALARY \$7100 PER annum
REASONS FOR LEAVING Accepted overseas assignment			
EMPLOYER U. S. Foreign Service		JOB TITLE Attache	
ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER American Legation, Bern, Switzerland		CITY STATE KIND OF BUSINESS	
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALITY Special duties		NAME OF SUPERVISOR	
DATES COVERED	FROM: May 1947	TO: date	SALARY \$7100 PER annum
REASONS FOR LEAVING			
EMPLOYER		JOB TITLE	
ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER		CITY STATE KIND OF BUSINESS	
YOUR DUTIES AND SPECIALITY		NAME OF SUPERVISOR	
DATES COVERED	FROM:	TO:	SALARY PER
REASONS FOR LEAVING			

NOTE: IN SPACE BELOW GIVE DETAILS CONCERNING ANY POSITION FROM WHICH YOU MAY HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED OR WHICH YOU MAY HAVE LEFT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE NOT ENTIRELY FAVORABLE.

DETAILS:

SECTION 13. CHARACTER REFERENCES—FIVE IN THE UNITED STATES (GIVE BUSINESS ADDRESS WHERE POSSIBLE)

NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	Street address unknown	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	Street address unknown	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

SECTION 14. SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCES—FIVE IN THE UNITED STATES (GIVE BUSINESS ADDRESS WHERE POSSIBLE)

NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Jarrettown	Pa.
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

SECTION 15. NEIGHBORS—THREE IN THE UNITED STATES (AT YOUR LAST NORMAL ADDRESS)

(CONTINUED TO PAGE 7)

ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE

NAME ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE

unknown

NAME ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE

unknown

## SECTION 16. MISCELLANEOUS

DID YOU EVER HAVE OR DO YOU NOW HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN, OR SUPPORT ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR ORGANIZATION WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES? YES ☐ NO ☒

IF ANSWER IS "YES" EXPLAIN BELOW:

DO YOU USE, OR HAVE YOU USED INTOXICANTS?

Occasionally...

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED OR CONVICTED FOR ANY VIOLATION OF LAW OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION? IF SO, STATE NAME OF COURT, CITY, STATE, COUNTRY, NATURE OF OFFENCE, AND DISPOSITION OF CASE.

No

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN COURT-MARTIALED WHILE A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES? IF ANSWER IS "YES", GIVE DETAILS BELOW:

YES ☐NO ☒

## SECTION 17. FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

ARE YOU ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON YOUR SALARY? YES ☐ NO ☒ IF ANSWER IS "NO", STATE SOURCES OF OTHER INCOME.

Small income from investments

NAMES OF BANKS WITH WHICH YOU HAVE ACCOUNTS

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., Lexington Ave &amp; 72nd St., New York, N.Y.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN BANKRUPTCY? YES ☐ NO ☒ IF ANSWER IS "YES", GIVE PARTICULARS:

## SECTION 18. CREDIT REFERENCES—THREE IN THE UNITED STATES

NAME ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE

Lewis & Thos. Saltz Washington D.C.

NAME ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE

J. Press, Inc. Madison Ave & 45th St., New York, N.Y.

NAME ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co. Lexington Ave & 72nd St., New York, N.Y.

## SECTION 19. RESIDENCES FOR PAST 15 YEARS

FROM	TO	ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	Family Residence
1932	1947	138 East 71st St.	New York	N.Y.	U.S.A.	
1932	1934	Yale University	New Haven	Conn.	U.S.A.	
1939	1941	24 Chaucey St.	Cambridge	Mass.	U.S.A.	

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FROM:	TO:	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Apr. 1942	Sept. 1942	4607	(3) Conn. Ave.	Washington	D.C.	U.S.A.
FROM:	TO:	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Dec. 1942	Oct. 1944	1525	New Hampshire Ave.	Wash. D.C.	D.C.	U.S.A. c/o B. er
FROM:	TO:	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Oct. 1944	Oct. 1946	Overseas in military service				
FROM:	TO:	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Oct. 1946	May 1947	Hotel	Martinique	Washington	D.C.	U.S.A.
FROM:	TO:	ADDRESS	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY

## SECTION 20. RESIDENCES OR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

FROM: (MO. AND YR.)	TO: (MO. AND YR.)	CITY OR SECTION	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
July 1924	Sept. 1924	France, Italy, Switzerland, England		Pleasure
FROM: (MO. AND YR.)	TO: (MO. AND YR.)	CITY OR SECTION	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
July 1926	Sept. 1926	France, Germany		Pleasure
FROM: (MO. AND YR.)	TO: (MO. AND YR.)	CITY OR SECTION	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
July 1928	Sept. 1928	France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland		Pleasure
FROM: (MO. AND YR.)	TO: (MO. AND YR.)	CITY OR SECTION	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
June 1932	Sept. 1932	England, France, Germany		Study
FROM: (MO. AND YR.)	TO: (MO. AND YR.)	CITY OR SECTION	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
June 1934	Sept. 1934	Italy, France, England		Pleasure
FROM: (MO. AND YR.)	TO: (MO. AND YR.)	CITY OR SECTION	COUNTRY	PURPOSE
June 1939	Sept. 1939	Paris	France	Study
Oct. 1944	Oct. 1946	England, France, Germany, Egypt, Turkey		Mil. Service

## SECTION 21. CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NOTE: IN SPACE BELOW LIST NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL KINDS TO WHICH YOU HAVE BELONGED, OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES, POLITICAL PARTIES AND LABOR UNIONS. INCLUDE ANY ORGANIZATION HAVING HEADQUARTERS OR A BRANCH IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY OF WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OR TO WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN SUPPORT.

NAME	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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NAME	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
Century Country Club		Purchase	New York	
NAME	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY
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NAME	STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY

## SECTION 22. LANGUAGES-FOREIGN (STATE DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY AS "SLIGHT", "FAIR" OR "FLUENT")

LANGUAGE	SPEAK	READ	WRITE
French	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
LANGUAGE	SPEAK	READ	WRITE
German	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
LANGUAGE	SPEAK	READ	WRITE
LANGUAGE	SPEAK	READ	WRITE
LANGUAGE	SPEAK	READ	WRITE
LANGUAGE	SPEAK	READ	WRITE

## SECTION 23. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

INDICATE ANY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR TRAINING YOU HAVE, ALSO, SET FORTH ANY QUALIFICATIONS AS A RESULT OF TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE, WHICH MIGHT FIT YOU FOR A PARTICULAR POSITION.

With the exception of two months Army basic training (Oct.-Dec. 1942).  
I have since April 1942 had continuous service with OSS, SSU, and  
CIG. Full records available in Washington.

## SECTION 24. SPORTS AND HOBBIES

Golf, tennis, bridge

Collecting prints and drawings.

## SECTION 25. EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

STREET AND NUMBER

CITY

STATE

COUNTRY

TELEPHONE

## SECTION 26. INFORMATION AND FINAL COMMENTS

NOTE: YOU ARE INFORMED THAT CORRECTNESS OF ALL STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN WILL BE INVESTIGATED, AND YOU ARE INVITED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES (OR ADDITIONS) IN YOUR STATEMENTS THAT YOU MAY THINK ADVISABLE.

ARE THERE ANY UNFAVORABLE INCIDENTS IN YOUR LIFE NOT MENTIONED ABOVE WHICH MAY BE DISCOVERED IN SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION, WHETHER YOU WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED OR NOT, WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE EXPLANATION, IF SO, DESCRIBE, IF NOT, ANSWER, "NO".

No

## SECTION 27. CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND I AGREE THAT ANY INTENTIONAL MISSTATEMENT OR OMISSION AS TO A MATERIAL FACT WILL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR MY IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.

SIGNED

DATE 14 December 1947

Witness

*James S. Kinnel*  
Signature of Applicant





STANDARD FORM NO. 63, Rev.  
February 1944  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Dept. Cir. No. 475

# REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL DATA AND LEAVE TRANSCRIPT

Form approved  
Budget Bureau  
No. 50-R010.7  
Approval expires  
June 30, 1946

## PART A—TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYING AGENCY

(Insert within the window-envelope brackets below, the address of the releasing agency; indicate specific bureau or branch, and location.)

[Redacted] Funds

The following employee entered on duty:

James S. Krouthall  
(Name)

10/29/46  
(Entrance on duty date)

(Nature of appointment)

P-6 \$ 7102.20  
(Position, grade, and salary)

Previously employed by releasing agency as:

\$ 7102.20  
(Position and salary)

(Bureau or office)

(Location)

(Signature of officer in employing agency)

(Official title)

(Date)

(Insert within the window-envelope brackets below, the specific address of the office to which this form is to be returned.)

Not creditable service

## PART B—TO BE COMPLETED BY RELEASING AGENCY

1. Furnish the following information concerning this employee's service in your agency:

From 9/19/46 to 10/19/46  
(Dates employed)

2. If transfer is without salary increase (see special instructions), indicate:

(a) Last equivalent salary increase from any cause other than an "especially meritorious" increase

9/19/46 \$ 7102.20 and agency in  
(Amount and effective date)

which action took place (if other than releasing agency)

OR

(b) Date employee entered on duty in Federal service, where there has been no subsequent break in service exceeding 30 days and no equivalent increase in compensation, other than an "especially meritorious" increase

(c) Date of any "especially meritorious" increase subsequent to date indicated under (a) or (b)

3. If probationary or trial period has not been completed, give date scheduled to be completed

4. Current (official) efficiency rating

Furnish below a transcript of leave transferable under Executive Order 9414 (see special instructions):

5. Length of work day ..... hours.

6. ☐ Permanent Employee

(a) Accumulated leave, January 1, 19.....  
Unliquidated advanced.....

(b) Leave granted during current calendar year.....

(c) Indicate any change during current calendar year which would affect the monthly credit of leave.....

7. ☐ Temporary Employee

(a) Balance of leave to employee's credit as of end of last service month.....  
(Date).....

(b) Leave granted since end of last month of service.....

8. Total hours of leave without pay, excluding military, since the date employee began service period required prior to eligibility for within-grade pay increase under the act of August 1, 1941.....

Annual	Sick (Hours)	LWOP
.....	.....	X X X X
X X X X	.....	X X X X
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	X X X X
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(Signature of officer in releasing agency)

(Official title)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
OATH OF OFFICE

I, JAMES SPEYER KRONTHAL  
(NAME IN FULL, PRINT OR TYPE)

DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CON-  
STITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMES-  
TIC; THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME; THAT I  
TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY, WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE  
OF EVASION; AND THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES  
OF THE OFFICE ON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER, SO HELP ME GOD.

James Speyer Kronthal  
SIGNATURE OF APPOINTEE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 28th DAY OF April  
A.D., 1947 AT Winnipeg, Minn. Ill.  
(CITY OR PLACE) (STATE)

(SEAL)

Thomas P. Kibler

Not Commission Expires Feb. 28 1959

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*Handwritten signature*

Chief, [REDACTED]

17 June 1947

Cargo 12385-A, James S. Kronthal

1. Attached herewith is bill from Ira B. Kaplin dated 4 June 1947 covering Cartage, Padding and Storage on Cargo 12385-A, personal effects of James S. Kronthal.

2. It is requested that reimbursement be effected in accordance with "Transfer Letter " dated 21 April 1947, covering subject individual.

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IRA B. KAPLIN  
52-15 FLUSHING AVENUE  
MASETH, L. I., NEW YORK

June 4th 1947

TO:

  
Washington, D. C.

Cargo #12385 A  
a/c James S. Kronthal

<u>Cartage:</u>	Pick-up at 138 E. 71st St. NYC to our warehouse.	\$6.18
<u>Packing:</u>	607lbs (per pkg. list) @ \$8.00 Cwt.	48.56
<u>Storage:</u>	One month - 607 lbs @ 10¢ Cwt.	.60
		\$ 55.34

Total \$55.34

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February 24, 1948

Ira B. Kaplan  
52-15 Flushing Avenue  
Maspeth, L. I., N. Y.

Gentlemen:

6.00 for export packing of personal effects of  
James S. Kronthal.

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## RAVEL VOUCHER

NAME OF PAYEE

Kronthal, James

STATION

Washington, D. C.

ADDRESS

I hereby claim reimbursement for per diem in lieu of subsistence, travel and/or other expenses incurred by me in the discharge of official duties for the period from 1345 hrs, 18 Jan. 1953, to 1815 hrs, 19 Jan. 1953, inclusive, as per itemized statement hereon. The justification and authority for this claim is as follows:

As per Travel Order No. 0/TR-229-53 dated 30 December 1952

## AMOUNT CLAIMED

(See reverse side for complete, itemized and detailed itemization of expenses)

Per diem <u>1½</u> days	@ <u>\$4.00</u> per day, less govt. qtrs. furnished	\$ <u>4.60</u>
Travel and incidental expenses		<u>22.40</u>
Other		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ <u>27.00</u></b>

I CERTIFY that the expenses itemized on this voucher were necessarily incurred by me in connection with official business of a confidential nature, and that I have not been, nor will I be, reimbursed therefor from any other source, Government or private; and that this voucher and attachments, if any, are true and correct in all respects.

22 January 1953

(Date)

(Signature of Payee)

## APPROVED:

(Date)

(Title)

(Signature)

## CERTIFICATION:

I CERTIFY that this voucher has been examined by me; that receipts or other substantiating data have been furnished me, or satisfactory explanation made for the failure to furnish same; that it appears from such data that the itemized expenditures were for necessary official purposes, reimbursement for which is allowable under existing regulations; and that such expenditures are properly chargeable to available appropriations as indicated below.

(Date)

(Appropriation—Allotment)

(Authorized Certifying Officer)

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1953 EARNINGS

RONTHAL JAMES S

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Staff file of KRONTHAL, James S.

FROM:

OP/CPD

EXTENSION

7841

NO.

DATE

28 Dec 1977

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S  
INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1. Becky B.

RECEIVED

FORWARDED

The PI verifies last date of employment as 30 Mar. 53. Contract has no record of employment, but PI has this previous employee as staff.

I thought you might like to have this for your records. If you have any questions please call me on.

Thanx,  
TC

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8 May 1989

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: James Speyer KRONTHAL; Newsweek Article of  
15 May 1989, Entitled: "The Soviet's  
First CIA Mole"

1. On 8 May,                      told me the following concerning:

JAMES SPEYER KRONTHAL.

          knew KRONTHAL very well. KRONTHAL was a former  
OSS officer.                      and, indeed,  
committed suicide, probably in 1952. He was a bachelor.                      One day he did not  
show up for work and several employees went to his home and  
found him dead in bed. He evidently had taken something,  
but an autopsy was unable to determine what substance was  
in his system.

          There was no thought whatsoever given to him being a  
spy for the Soviets.                     

2. All portions of this document are classified SECRET.

Gardner R. Hathaway  
Associate Deputy Director for Operations  
for Counterintelligence

Attachment:  
Newsweek Article of  
15 May 1989

cc: DC/CIC/AG w/att  
ADDO/CI/GRHathaway/mag (8 May 89)

Distribution:

Orig - File w/att  
1 - DC/CIC/AG w/att

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28 August 52  
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<b>FUNDS PERSONNEL ACTION</b>		
NAME <b>KRONTHAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>23 August 52</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Reassignment</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>3 April 52</b>
	FROM	TO
TITLE	Intel Off (Chief of Station)	Intelligence Officer
GRADE AND SALARY	GS-15 \$10,800.00	GS-15 \$10,800.00
OFFICE	OSO	OSO
DIVISION	FDM	EE/OSO
BRANCH		
OFFICIAL STATION	Berne, Switzerland	Washington, D.C. (Field)
APPROVAL		
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR <i>A P Flynn</i>	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION <b>[REDACTED]</b>	PERSONNEL OFFICER <b>[REDACTED]</b> 8/27/52	<i>8-28-52</i>
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
OATH OF OFFICE AND NO-STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER)		
REMARKS:  <b>APPROVED FOR RELEASE</b> <i>3/00 23</i> <i>M.L.</i> <i>132</i> <i>[Signature]</i>		

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LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR							
Standard Form No. 1137 General Regulations No. 102																			
LEAVE RECORD																			
GPO 16-48999-1 Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S. June 28, 1946																			
MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		SICK		MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		SICK		ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY				COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD			
		TAKEN	Hrs. ACCR.	TAKEN	Hrs. ACCR.			TAKEN	Hrs. ACCR.	TAKEN	Hrs. ACCR.	W. - AWL - SUSPENDED				PAY PERIOD	HOURS WORKED	HOURS TAKEN	BAL.
JANUARY	3	8	8	6	✓	JULY													
	17	-	8	12	✓														
	31	-	8	18	✓														
FEBRUARY	14	✓	8	24	✓	AUGUST													
	28	-	8	30	-														
MARCH	14	-	8	36	-	SEPTEMBER													
	28	-	8	42	-														
	30	✓																	
APRIL						OCTOBER													
MAY						NOVEMBER													
JUNE						DECEMBER													
REMARKS Termin. By Health Eff. P.O.B. 3/30/53 TK 309 hrs. <b>TERMINATED</b>														YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS) ITEM      ANN.      SICK BAL. FORWARDED      215      576 YR. ACCRUAL      42      28 TOTAL      317      604 TOTAL TAKEN      8      — BALANCE      309      604					
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR							
KRONTHAL, JAMES S.						Born		5/5/47				1943							

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR  
STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT  
25th & E STREETS, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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20 September 1946

EOB MEMORANDUM

Subject: KRONTHAL, Mr. James

Mr. Kronthal reported for duty with FSRO 16 September 1946 for assignment to DSB as Division Chief, Section D at an annual base salary of \$7102.20 (P-6), Special Funds Payroll.

Mr. Kronthal was just recently released from the army, having been assigned to SSU for some time and assessment therefore is not required. Security clearance was given for his civilian appointment 16 September 1946.

An oath of office was administered, permanent identification issued, finger prints taken, and a physical examination was given on 19 September 1946.

Mr. Kronthal's legal residence is 138 E 71st St., New York City; telephone Butterfield 8-7534. For the time being, his local address is Hotel Martinique.

att: PHS

cc: Mr. Sarvis

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## PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST

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This form is to be initiated in triplicate by the appropriate Branch or Office Chief for processing in accordance with existing personnel procedures. Upon approval, the original and one copy will be retained by the Disbursing Office and one copy returned to the originating office.

NAME <u>James Kronthal</u>		DATE <u>10 April 1947</u>
NATURE OF ACTION <u>Promotion</u>	NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS _____	
EFFECTIVE DATE <u>1 June 1947</u>	LOCATION OF DEPENDENTS _____	
MARITAL STATUS <u>Single</u>	CITIZENSHIP <u>US</u>	SEX <u>male</u> AGE <u>34</u>
FROM		TO
POSITION <u>Intelligence Analyst</u>		POSITION <u>Chief of Station</u>
CONTROL NO. _____		CONTROL NO. _____
CLASSIFICATION <u>p-6</u>		CLASSIFICATION <u>CAF-14</u>
ANNUAL GROSS SALARY <u>\$7102.20</u>		ANNUAL GROSS SALARY <u>\$8179.50</u>
OFFICIAL STATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>		OFFICIAL STATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>
ALLOWANCES:		ALLOWANCES:
QUARTERS _____		QUARTERS _____
COST OF LIVING _____		COST OF LIVING _____
SPECIAL FOREIGN LIVING _____		SPECIAL FOREIGN LIVING _____
TOTAL _____		TOTAL _____
OFFICE:		OFFICE:
BRANCH <u>OSO - FBM</u>		BRANCH <u>OSO - FBM</u>
DIVISION _____		DIVISION _____

TO BE PAID BY \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Field)  
 TAX WITHHELD IN UNITED STATES \_\_\_\_\_  
 INSURANCE TO BE WITHHELD IN UNITED STATES \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Amount subject to change if premium is increased or decreased)  
 SAVINGS BONDS \_\_\_\_\_  
 RETIREMENT WITHHELD IN UNITED STATES \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER (Specify in detail) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALLOTMENTS \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Allottee)  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL GROSS SALARY PER PAY PERIOD \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize and direct the Disbursing Office to make above allotments from my compensation.

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21 April 1947

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*File  
for*TRANSFER LETTER AUTHORIZING PERMANENT CHANGE OF OFFICIAL STATION

TO: Mr. James S. Kronthal

1. Pursuant to authority vested in me, the transfer of your official station from Washington, D. C. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ is hereby ordered and approved.
2. This change of official station is to be effected as soon as practicable and is to be effective upon arrival at your new post. The transfer is not for your convenience or benefit, or at your request, but in the best interests of the Government. The reimbursement of travel expenses is authorized. Per diem in lieu of subsistence is authorized, and shall be in accordance with the provisions of Administrative Order No. 42. Living and quarters allowances at the rates authorized by Budget Circular A-8 shall be paid, effective upon arrival.
3. In accordance with the provisions of EO 9805, and subject to the availability of funds, the shipment at Government expense of your household goods and personal effects, including packing, crating, unpacking, uncrating, drayage, and temporary storage not to exceed 60 days, within the prescribed weight allowance, is authorized.
4. Subject to the availability of funds, the movement of your immediate family at Government expense is authorized in accordance with regulations prescribed in EO 9805.

*W. Duggins*, acting  
(Approving Officer)

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## ENGAGEMENT SHEET

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1. To be filled out in duplicate by the Unit Administrative Officer for all prospective employees to be paid from ~~██████████~~ Funds. APR 10 1947
2. To be accompanied by detailed job description, complete biographical sketch, and a formal notice of security clearance, and Personnel Action Request if engagement is overseas. Helm
3. To be approved or accepted by the officers in the order listed below. B. P. Hancock
4. Original to be retained by S.F.; copy to be returned to initiating Administrative Officer. 2. Bygg

10 April 1947

1. NAME: James Kronthal
2. LEGAL RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. ADDRESS OF LOCAL LIVING QUARTERS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. \_\_\_\_\_
4. ENTRANCE ON DUTY DATE: 5 May 6 April 1947
5. ANNUAL SALARY: \$7102.20 CLASSIFICATION: ~~Conf~~-13
6. PERMANENT STATION: ██████████
7. POSITION: Intelligence Analyst Chief of Station CONTROL NO. FEM
8. IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED, STATE BUREAU, BRANCH, OR DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FROM WHICH TRANSFERRED: \_\_\_\_\_
9. GENERAL REMARKS: Please transfer leave balances from vouchered funds.  
Security concurrence requested 10 April 1947.

OK  
NP

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE  
(in accordance with existing personnel engagement procedures)

- |   |                   |      |                       |
|---|-------------------|------|-----------------------|
| A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER               | <u>██████████</u> | DATE | _____                 |
| B. BRANCH CHIEF                         | <u>██████████</u> | DATE | <u>10 April 1947.</u> |
| C. CHAIRMAN, PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMITTEE | <u>██████████</u> | DATE | <u>4/11/47</u>        |
| D. (For the) ASSISTANT DIRECTOR         | <u>██████████</u> | DATE | <u>11 Apr 47</u>      |
| E. CHIEF, <u>██████████</u> FUNDS       | <u>██████████</u> | DATE | <u>25 April 1947</u>  |

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FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL <i>File</i>	
TO: <u>Mr. William Duggan</u>	DATE <u>9 May 1947</u>
FROM: <u>Robert R. Sheppard, Capt., AGO, Chief, Trans. Section</u>	
SHIPMENT NUMBER (NAME OF TRAVELER(S))	
<u>James S. Kronthal</u> / <u>[REDACTED]</u> -- No orders	
ITINERARY <p>The above individual departed Washington, D. C. via rail, P.M., 2 May 1947 to New York for scheduled departure from New York via AAL, 8.00 a.m. 12 May 1947 to his overseas destination.</p> <p>He had in his possession his passport and immunization records.</p>	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (BAGGAGE, TICKETS, ETC.)	
<div style="text-align: right;"><del>CONFIDENTIAL</del></div>	

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NOTE: See Instructions on reverse side.

NAME <b>James Speyer Kronthal</b>		DATE <b>2 April 1948</b>
LEGAL ADDRESS <b>New York City, New York</b>		MARITAL STATUS <b>Single</b>
LOCAL ADDRESS		NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS <b>None</b>
TELEPHONE	CITIZENSHIP <b>USA</b>	SEX <b>male</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Periodic Pay Increase</b>		AGE <b>36</b>
		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>4 April 1948</b>

	FROM	TO
Title	Chief of Station	Chief of Station
Grade and Salary	CAF-13      \$7102.20	CAF-13      \$7341.60
Office - Branch	OSO-FEM	OSO-FEM
Division		
Section		
Official Station	Berne, Switzerland	Berne, Switzerland
ALLOWANCES (Per Annum)		
Quarters		
Cost of Living		
Special Foreign Living		

REMARKS: (May be continued to reverse side)

Subject has received no salary increase since EOD 16 September 1946

I certify that the service and conduct of the employee during the period was satisfactory in all respects.

*Richard Helmer*  
Branch Chief

## APPROVAL

FIELD	HEADQUARTERS U.S.
CHIEF OF STATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER
FUND OFFICER	BRANCH CHIEF
	FOR THE ASST. DIR. OF PERSONNEL
	CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF PERSONNEL

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**4/5/48**  
DATE

**6 Apr 48**  
DATE

**4/12/48**  
DATE

**4/18/48**  
DATE

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## DISTRIBUTION OF SALARY

To be paid by \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 459.08  
 (FIELD)

Tax withheld in the United States \_\_\_\_\_ 77.40

Insurance to be withheld in the United States  
 (Amount subject to change if premium is increased or decreased) \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement withheld in United States \_\_\_\_\_ 28.24

Other (Specify in detail) \_\_\_\_\_

Allotments \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Allottee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Gross Salary Per Pay Period \$ 564.72

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE DISBURSING OFFICE TO MAKE THE ABOVE ALLOTMENTS FROM MY COMPENSATION. ALL ADJUSTMENTS IN SALARY TO BE EFFECTED IN:

NET OVERSEAS PAYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL ONE

U. S. ALLOTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: (Continued from reverse side)

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INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Prepare in triplicate. 2. Note under "Remarks" whether action is transfer from vouchered funds or another government agency. 3. If form is prepared in the field, enter distribution of salary over signature of employee. 4. If job cription other information is appropriate, enter er "Remarks."

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NOTE: See instructions on reverse side.

NAME <b>James S. Kronthal</b>		DATE <b>14 April 1948</b>
LEGAL ADDRESS <b>New York City</b>		MARITAL STATUS <b>Single</b>
LOCAL ADDRESS		NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS <b>None</b>
TELEPHONE	CITIZENSHIP <b>USA</b>	SEX <b>M</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Promotion</b>		AGE <b>35</b>
		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>4 April 1948</b>

	FROM	TO
Title	Chief of Station	Chief of Station
Grade and Salary	CAF-13 \$7341.60	CAF-14 \$8179.50
Office - Branch	OSO - FBM	OSO - FBM
Division		
Section		
Official Station	Berne, Switzerland	Berne, Switzerland
ALLOWANCES (Per Annum)		
Quarters		
Cost of Living		
Special Foreign Living		

REMARKS: (May be continued to reverse side)

Subject has been in grade since EOD 16 September 1946. Periodic Pay Increase to \$7341.60 effective 4 April 1948.

## APPROVAL

FIELD	HEADQUARTERS U. S.
CHIEF OF STATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER
FUNDS OFFICER	BRANCH CHIEF
FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	COMMITTEE
	FUNDS OFFICER

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## DISTRIBUTION OF SALARY

To be paid by Berne office \$ 512.73  
(FIELD)Tax withheld in the United States 85.00Insurance to be withheld in the United States  
(Amount subject to change if premium is increased or decreased) -----Retirement withheld in United States 31.46Other (Specify in detail) -----

## Allotments

Name of Allottee -----Address -----Total Gross Salary Per Pay Period \$ 629.19I HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE DISBURSING OFFICE TO MAKE THE ABOVE ALLOTMENTS FROM MY  
COMPENSATION. ALL ADJUSTMENTS IN SALARY TO BE EFFECTED IN:NET OVERSEAS PAYMENT -----

INITIAL ONE

U. S. ALLOTMENT -----SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE -----

REMARKS: (Continued from reverse side)

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Prepare in triplicate. 2. Note under "Remarks" whether action is transfer from vouchered funds  
or another government agency. 3. If form is prepared in the field, enter distribution of salary over signature of  
employee. 4. If job description other information is appropriate, enter in "Remarks."

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NAME <b>KRONTHAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>2 November 1949</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Periodic Pay Increase</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>16 October 1949</b>
	FROM	TO
TITLE	Chief of Station	Chief of Station
GRADE AND SALARY	CAP-14, \$8509.50	CAP-14, \$8808.75
OFFICE	OSO	OSO
BRANCH	FDM	FDM
DIVISION		
OFFICIAL STATION	Berne, Switzerland	Berne, Switzerland
APPROVAL		
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR <i>[Signature]</i>	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER <i>11/4</i> <del>██████████</del>	<i>lms</i>
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DATE OF OFFICE AND NO STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER _____		
REMARKS:		
<p>Subject last received an increase in salary on 4 April 1948.</p> <p>This is to certify that the conduct and services of the employee during this period were satisfactory in all respects.</p> <p><b>APPROVED FOR RELEASE</b> <i>3/00 63</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Branch Chief</p> <p><b>POSTED</b> <i>10</i> <b>73</b></p>		

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~~SECRET~~ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET *12 May 1950*


INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

FROM:

NO.

*WFPF-476*

DATE

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. <i>FDW</i>	<i>1061</i>	<i>MAY 25</i>	<i>1950</i>	<i>LD</i>	
2. 		<i>JUN 1</i>	<i>1950</i>	<i>ms</i>	
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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

August 4, 1949

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TO : R - Mr. Fisher Howe  
FROM : PER:FP - Louis E. Mundy

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Robert A. Schow dated July 22, 1949. Subject: Request for Clearance for Temporary Duty and Leave in the United States for Mr. James S. Kronthal.

There is no objection to Mr. Kronthal's returning to the United States for temporary duty and leave for approximately ninety days on or about October 20, 1949.

## ENDORSEMENT

TO : CIA

ATTENTION [REDACTED]

FROM : R - Fisher Howe

Forwarded with concurrence

Fisher Howe

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Washington, D. C.

*N 5-100-12*

*P-3-5*

6 February 1953

NOTICE  
NO. P-3-53

Effective 2 February 1953, Mr. James S. Kronthal is designated Deputy Director of Training (Special), vice Mr. Rolfe Kingsley.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

*[Signature]*  
WALTER REID WOLF  
Deputy Director  
(Administration)

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Date 21 NOV 90

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FIRST NAME AND INITIAL				IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR	

Form No. 1137  
Revisions No. 102

**LEAVE RECORD**

GPO 16-45097-1 Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S.  
June 28, 1946

ANNUAL		SICK		MONTH	PAY FOR NO.	ANNUAL		SICK		ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY		COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD	
TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.	TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.			TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.	TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.	DATE	TYPE	HRS. TOTAL	PERIOD
INDIVIDUAL LEAVE BALANCES													
as of SEP 27 1952													
560 Hours Sick Leave.													
239 Hours Annual Leave.													
• 0 Hours Annual Leave to be forfeited prior to 21 December 1952.													
• 0 Hours Annual Leave to be forfeited prior to 1 July 1953.													
* Annual Leave time will accrue by 20 December 1952 has been taken into account in determining the number of hours to be used or forfeited.													
Will complete 11 years of service on 6-13-53													
YEARLY SUMMARY (HOURS)													
ITEM ANIL SICK													
BAL. FORWARDED													
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TOTAL													
TOTAL TAKEN													
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FIRST NAME AND INITIAL				IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR	
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
NEW WAR DEPARTMENT BUILDING  
21st and VIRGINIA AVENUE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 5, 1947 (date)

Dear Mr. *Kronthal*:

1. This is to notify you that the United States Government, as represented by the Central Intelligence Group, has accepted your employment effective *5 May 1947*

Position: *Chief of Mission*  
Base Salary: \$ *7102.10* per annum

2. This appointment is not a Civil Service position. You will be entitled to annual and sick leave (only in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations). You will be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, as amended. If stationed outside the continental limits of the United States, you will be granted such monetary allowances as are prescribed by CIG regulations.

3. If you are ordered to a station outside the continental United States, you will be required to serve a minimum period of twenty-four months at such a station. If you wish to resign or terminate your appointment or return to the United States before the expiration of twenty-four months after the date of departure for an overseas post, CIG will not pay your return travel expenses from a station outside the United States.

4. Your appointment is for such time as your services may be required and funds are available for the work of CIG. Notice of termination will be given you by procedure similar to that provided by Civil Service rules and regulations.

*[Signature]*  
ASSISTANT CHIEF, PERSONNEL DIVISION

ACCEPTED:

*Received April '48*

*James S. Kronthal*

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KRONTHAL, JAMES S.				BERNE		5/5/47		1949													
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR									
Standard Form No. 1137 General Regulations No. 102																					
LEAVE RECORD																					
10-48999-1 Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S. June 28, 1946																					
MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		SICK		MONTH	PAY PER. NO.	ANNUAL		SICK		ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY W-AWL-SUSPENDED				COMPENSATORY TIME RECORD					
		TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.	TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.			TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.	TAKEN	HRS. ACCR.	DATE	TYPE	HRS.	TOTAL	PAY PERIOD	HOURS WORKED	HOURS TAKEN	BAL.		
JANUARY	8	✓	✓	4	✓	✓	JULY	23	✓	41	114	✓	✓								
FEBRUARY	5	✓	✓	20	✓	✓	AUGUST	20	20	1-3	1-2	14	14								
MARCH	5	✓	✓	34	✓	✓	SEPTEMBER	17	34	7-6	14	✓	14								
APRIL	5	40	40	5	✓	✓	OCTOBER	15	✓	1-6	14	✓	14								
MAY	30	✓	40	6	✓	✓	NOVEMBER	19	8	104	✓	14									
JUNE	28	8	48	84	✓	✓	DECEMBER	12	8	112	15	✓	14								
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LAST NAME		FIRST NAME AND INITIAL		IDENTIFICATION NO.		TYPE OF APPOINTMENT		EOD DATE		AGENCY		CALENDAR YEAR									
REMARKS: Ret for field 10/19 + 100 travel pay Supp for field 10/19 Subst as of 11/15 76.332.54.353 per T+C - On TDY																					
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Approved Dec. 1944  
U. S. C. Dept. Clr. No. 458

Form approved  
Budget Bureau No. 50-R012  
Approval expires Mar. 30, 1946.

## REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ( )  
OFFICIAL: REGULAR (X) SPECIAL ( )  
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ( )

As of 31 March 1947 based on performance during period from 20 Oct 1946 to 31 March 1947

James S. Kronthal

Intelligence Analyst, P-6

(Name of employee)

(Title of position, service, and grade)

Office of Special Operations, A-DSB-C

Washington, D. C.

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
✓ if adequate	(1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.	(21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
- if weak	(2) Mechanical skill.	(22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
+ if outstanding	(3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.	(23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
	(4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).	(24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
	(5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.	(25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
	(6) Attention to pertinent detail.	(26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
	(7) Accuracy of operations.	(27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
	(8) Accuracy of final results.	(28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
	(9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.	(29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
	(10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.	(30) Ability to make decisions.
	(11) <i>Industry</i>	(31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.
	(12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.	
	(13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? (Yes or no) )	
	(14) Ability to organize his work.	
	(15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.	
	(16) <i>Cooperativeness</i>	
	(17) <i>Initiative</i>	
	(18) Resourcefulness.	
	(19) <i>Dependability</i>	
	(20) Physical fitness for the work.	

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED.

(A) \_\_\_\_\_  
(B) \_\_\_\_\_  
(C) \_\_\_\_\_

STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Excellent	Rating official <u>Excellent</u>
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Very good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.	Good	Reviewing official <u>E</u>
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by James S. Kronthal (Signature of rating official) Chief Brand (Title) 21 April 1947 (Date)

Reviewed by Arthur M. Thurston (Signature of reviewing official) DOPS (Title) 6 May 1947 (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee 5-1347 (Date) Report to employee Excellent (Adjective rating)

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Standard Form 57—June 1946  
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

## APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Form approved  
Budget Bureau No. 50-2046

INSTRUCTIONS.—Answer every question clearly and completely. Type or print in INK. If you are applying for a specific United States Civil Service examination, read the examination announcement carefully and follow all directions. Mail this application to the office named in the announcement. Be sure to mail to the same office any other forms required by the announcement. Notify the office with which you file this application of any change in your address.

1. Name of examination, or kind of position applied for:

2. Optional subject (if mentioned in examination announcement):

3. Place of employment applied for:

4. Mr. (First name) (Middle) (Surname, if any) (Last)  
 Mr. **James Speyer Kronthal**

5. Street and number or R. D. number:  
**138 E. 71st St. (Hotel Martinique)**  
**New York 21, N.Y. (Wash. D.C.)**

6. Legal or voting residence (State):  
**New York**

7. Office phone No.:  
**Ex. 6100**

8. Home phone:  
**Wash. DC 4150**

9. Date of birth (Month, day and State; if born in U. S., give city and county):  
**21 Aug. 1912**

10. Age last birthday:  
**34**

11. ☒ Male ☐ Female

12. ☐ Single ☐ Married (Without shoes): **5' 4"** Weight: **150** pounds

13. Have you ever been employed by the Federal Government? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If now employed by the Federal Government, give present grade and date of last change in grade:  
**P-6 19 Sept. 1946**

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For Use of Civil Service Commission Only

<input type="checkbox"/> Apper.	<input type="checkbox"/> Material	Entered register:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-apper.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submitted			
<input type="checkbox"/> Returned				
Notations:		App. Review:		
Approved:				
OPTION	GRADE	EARNED RATING	PREFER- ENCE	AUGM. RATING
			<input type="checkbox"/> 5 points (last)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 10 points	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Wife or Widow	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Discal.	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Being investigated	
INITIALS AND DATE				

Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column

	YES	NO
15. (a) Would you accept short-term appointment, if offered, for—		
1 to 3 months?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 to 6 months?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 to 12 months?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(b) Would you accept appointment, if offered—		
in Washington, D. C.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
anywhere in the United States?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
outside the United States?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

18. (c) If you will accept appointment in certain locations ONLY, give acceptable locations:

(d) What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept: \$ 6000 per year.

You will not be considered for positions paying less.

(e) If you are willing to travel, specify:  
☐ Occasionally ☒ Frequently ☐ Constantly

16. EXPERIENCE.—You are requested to furnish all information asked for below in sufficient detail to enable the Civil Service Commission and the appointing officers of agencies to determine your qualifications for the position for which you are applying. In the space provided below describe EVERY position you have held. Use a separate block for EACH position. You may also include any pertinent religious, civic, welfare or organizational activity which you have performed, either with or without compensation, showing the number of hours per week and weeks per year in which you were engaged in such activity. Start with your PRESENT position and work back, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Explain clearly the principal tasks which you performed in each position. Describe your experience in the Armed Services in question 17 (Military Experience).

(a) If you were ever employed in any position under a name different from that shown in item 4 of this application, give under "Description of your work" for each position, the name used.

(b) If you have never been employed or are now unemployed, indicate that fact in the space provided below for "Present Position."

PRESENT POSITION	
Date of employment: (Month, year) From: <b>19 Sept. 46</b> To present time	Exact title of your present position: <b>Chief, Section D, DSB, FSRO</b>
Place of employment (City and State): <b>Washington, D.C.</b>	Salary or earnings: Starting, \$ <u>      </u> per Present, \$ <u>7100</u> per yr.
Name and address of employer (Firm, organization, or person). If Federal, name department, bureau or establishment, and division: <b>SSB</b>	Description of your work: <b>Supervision of evaluation processing and intelligence direction of intelligence materials on the Near-Middle East and Southeastern Europe.</b>
Kind of business or organization (e. g., wholesale mfg., insurance agency, mfg. of locks, etc.): <b>SSB</b>	
Number and kind of employees supervised by you: <b>10 - research &amp; clerical</b>	
Name and title of immediate supervisor: <b>Dr. Lester G. Houck</b>	
Reason for leaving to obtain employment:	

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## 16. CONTINUED

Dates of employment (Month, year) From: <b>Oct. 42</b> To: <b>Aug. 46</b> Place of employment (city and State): <b>U.S. and abroad</b> Name and address of employer (firm, organization, or person). If Federal, name department, bureau or establishment, and division: <b>U.S. Army (OSS-SSU)</b> Kind of business or organization (e. g., wholesale silk, insurance agency, mfg. of locks, etc.):  Number and kind of employees supervised by you: <b>from 2-25--research &amp; clerical</b> Name and title of immediate supervisor:  Reason for leaving: <b>Honorable discharge</b>	Exact title of your position: <b>Captain, AUS Intelligence officer</b> Description of your work: <b>Supervision of intelligence evaluation processing and dissemination in Washington, Europe and the Near East.</b> Salary or earnings: Starting \$ per Final \$ per
Dates of employment (Month, year) From: <b>Apr. 42</b> To: <b>Oct. 42</b> Place of employment (city and State): <b>Washington, D.C.</b> Name and address of employer (firm, organization, or person). If Federal, name department, bureau or establishment, and division: <b>OSS</b> Kind of business or organization (e. g., wholesale silk, insurance agency, mfg. of locks, etc.):  Number and kind of employees supervised by you: <b>10 - research &amp; clerical</b> Name and title of immediate supervisor: <b>Dewitt C. Poole</b> Reason for leaving: <b>Join U.S. Army</b>	Exact title of your position: <b>Chief, analysis &amp; index section, PA Branch, OSS</b> Description of your work: <b>In charge of handling evaluation and analyzing of intelligence materials on foreign nationality groups in the U.S. and Latin America.</b> Salary or earnings: Starting \$ <b>2600</b> per <b>yr</b> Final \$ <b>2800</b> per <b>yr</b>
Dates of employment (Month, year) From: <b>Sept. 40</b> To: <b>June 41</b> Place of employment (city and State): <b>Cambridge, Mass.</b> Name and address of employer (firm, organization, or person). If Federal, name department, bureau or establishment, and division: <b>Harvard University</b> Kind of business or organization (e. g., wholesale silk, insurance agency, mfg. of locks, etc.): <b>Educational</b> Number and kind of employees supervised by you: <b>75 students</b> Name and title of immediate supervisor: <b>Prof. Chandler Post</b> Reason for leaving: <b>Accepted fellowship to pursue further studies</b>	Exact title of your position: <b>Assistant instructor</b> Description of your work: <b>Asst. instructor of History of Art.</b> Salary or earnings: Starting \$ <b>1800</b> per <b>yr</b> Final \$ per
Dates of employment (Month, year) From: <b>Sept. 34</b> To: <b>Sept. 38</b> Place of employment (city and State): <b>New York, N.Y.</b> Name and address of employer (firm, organization, or person). If Federal, name department, bureau or establishment, and division: <b>Speyer &amp; Co., 24 Pine St.</b> Kind of business or organization (e. g., wholesale silk, insurance agency, mfg. of locks, etc.): <b>Investment Banking</b> Number and kind of employees supervised by you: <b>none</b> Name and title of immediate supervisor: <b>Dewitt Millhauser</b> Reason for leaving: <b>Liquidation of firm</b>	Exact title of your position: <b>Financial analyst</b> Description of your work: <b>Investment research, etc. and analyst</b> Salary or earnings: Starting \$ <b>3500</b> per Final \$ per

If more space is required, use a continuation sheet (Standard Form No. 56) or a sheet of paper the same size as this page. Write on each sheet your name, address, date of birth, and examination title. Attach to application.

17. MILITARY EXPERIENCE.—In or out of the service, indicate all active placements of war veterans, detail the training and experience they have acquired in the Armed Services. In the service, write in Item (a) "No attendance at service schools" and indicate in Item (c) all changes in duty assignment, showing dates of such assignment.

(a) First Special Service School attended: <b>No attendance at service schools</b> Location: Dates attended (months, years): From: To: Rating received at end of this training:	(b) What were you taught in First Special Service School?
(c) Duty assignment or rating after this training (give all important changes in duty assignment whether or not you attended a Service School): <b>Intelligence officer, OSS-SSU</b> Dates of duty assignment (months, years): From: <b>Oct. 48</b> To: <b>Aug. 46</b>	(d) What did you do during this duty assignment? <b>Supervision of intelligence evaluation, processing and dissemination in Washington, Europe and the Near East.</b>
(e) Second Special Service School attended: Location: Dates attended (months, years): From: To: Rating received at end of this training:	(f) What were you taught in Second Special Service School?
(g) Duty assignment after this training: Dates of duty assignment (months, years): From: To:	(h) What did you do during this duty assignment?

List on a separate sheet of paper any additional experience, training, service, or special duty assignments during military service or hospitalization.

18. EDUCATION.—Circle highest grade completed:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
Mark (x) the appropriate box to indicate satisfactory completion of:  
☐ Elementary School ☐ Junior High School ☒ Senior High School

(a) Give name and location of last high school attended: <b>Lincoln School of Teachers College, N.Y.C.</b>	(b) Subjects studied in high school which apply to position desired: <b>History-French-German</b>
(c) Name and Location of College or University <b>Yale University, New Haven</b> <b>Harvard University, Mass.</b> <b>Univ. of Paris, France</b>	Major <b>HIST.</b> <b>H.ART</b> <b>H.ART</b>
(d) List Your Chief Undergraduate College Subjects <b>History</b> <b>History of Art</b> <b>Economics</b>	Semester Hours   
(e) Other training, such as vocational, business, study courses given through the Armed Forces Institute (show name and location of school, or "in-service training" in a Federal agency): <b>none</b>	(f) List Your Chief Graduate College Subjects <b>History of Art</b>

19. Indicate your knowledge of foreign languages:	READING		SPEAKING		UNDERSTANDING	
	Ex.	Good	Fair	Ex.	Good	Fair
<b>French</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>German</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>

(a) How was your knowledge of foreign language acquired?  
**At school, university & abroad**

(b) If you have traveled or resided in any foreign countries, indicate (1) names of countries, (2) dates and length of time spent there and (3) reason or purpose (e. g., business, education, recreation):  
**Western Central Europe & West Asia - 1934-46**

20. List any special skills you possess and machines and equipment you can use, such as operation of short-wave radio, multith, computer, key punch, turret lathe, scientific or professional devices:

Approximate number of words per minute in typing ..... shorthand .....

21. Are you now or have you ever been a licensed or certified member of any trade or profession (such as pilot, electrician, radio operator, teacher, lawyer, CPA, etc.)?  
☐ Yes ☒ No Give kind of license and State:

First license or certificate (year):

Latest license or certificate (year):

22. Give any special qualifications not covered elsewhere in your application such as:  
(a) your more important publications (do NOT submit copies unless requested)  
(b) your patents or inventions  
(c) public speaking and public relations experience  
(d) **Phil Beta Kappa**  
**about 4 yrs. abt. 1940**  
**Christian, education**  
**& Army service.**





MAIN POST OFFICE BOX 1929  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

15 July 1947

Mr. Ira B. Kaplan  
52-15 Flushing Avenue  
Kew-Forest, L.I.  
New York

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

Enclosed you will find my checks, payable to your order, as follows:

No. 3773	- \$ 8.01	- [REDACTED]
3774	- 9.60	- J. Kronthal
3775	- 14.72	- [REDACTED]
3776	- 6.25	- [REDACTED]
3777	- 16.54	- [REDACTED]

These checks are in payment for your bills to [REDACTED] for the packing, etc., of personal effects of above-named individuals.

Yours very truly,

Encls.

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# SCHEDULE O: EXPENSES AND ITINERARY TRAVELER

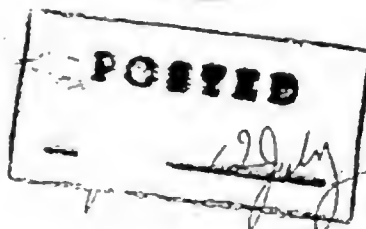
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Show Itinerary, time of departure from and arrival at each point, in chronological order.  
 2. Computation of per diem should be based upon Itinerary.  
 3. Itemize travel and incidental expenses by day and fully explain.  
 4. Appropriate receipts or explanations must be furnished to support each cash disbursement.

DATE 1953	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT CLAIMED			
		PER DIEM		TRAVEL AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES	OTHER
	<u>ITINERARY</u>				
18 Jan	Departed Washington, D. C. via P.O.A. 1345 hrs. Arrived [REDACTED] 1730 hrs.  On official duty at [REDACTED] from 1730 hours, 18 January to 1445 hours, 19 January 1953.				
19 Jan	Departed [REDACTED] via P.O.A. 1445 hrs. Arrived Washington, D. C. 1815 hrs.				
	<u>TRAVEL EXPENSES</u>				
	320 miles, round trip (Washington, D. C. to [REDACTED] and return) @ \$.07 per mile as authorized by Travel Order			22 40	
	<u>PER DIEM</u>				
	1 1/4 days @ \$4.00 per day, less Govt. quarters furnished night of 18 January 1953:				
	18 Jan - 1/2 day @ \$4.00 per day, less govt. qtrs. furnished \$1.60				
	19 Jan - 3/4 day @ \$4.00 per day - 3.00	4	60		
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	TOTALS	4	60	22	40

(Use additional sheets if necessary)



FUNDUS PERSONNEL ACTION <i>20 June 52</i>		
NAME <b>KRONTHAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>5 June 1952</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Reassignment</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>22 June 1952</b>
	FROM	TO
TITLE	Intelligence Officer ( <del>OSI</del> ) <i>Station</i>	Training Instr. (Ch.) <del>OSI</del>
GRADE AND SALARY	GS-15 \$10,800.	GS-15 \$10,800.00
OFFICE	OSO	TRS
DIVISION	<del>OSI</del> OSO	
BRANCH		
OFFICIAL STATION	Washington, D. C. <del>OSI</del>	Washington, D. C.
APPROVAL		
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION	PERSONNEL OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i> <i>1/3/52</i>	
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
OATH OF OFFICE AND NO-STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER)		
REMARKS:		



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## MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief, Special Funds Section

SUBJECT : CIO Administrative Order No. 31

1. The Group II classification under Bureau of the Budget Circular A-8, and CIO Administrative Order No. 31, is hereby authorized for Mr. James S. Erenthal, CAF-13, ~~██~~ ✓

2. This authorization will become effective on the date that Mr. Erenthal relieves Mr. Paul C. Egan as Chief of Station, at Bern. The authorization should remain effective so long as Mr. Erenthal remains in the above named post and directly subordinate to Washington, D. C.

(Signed 12 May)

████████████████████  
Assistant Director  
Special Operations

cc: Registry - 2  
Registry - Admin. - 2  
Subject File  
Chrono File  
✓ Terrell  
Helms

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations should be used in the "To" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "To" column. Each officer should initial (Check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Record and Routing Sheet should be returned to Registry.

FROM:

NO.

MSB-A-2761

DATE

21 Feb. 50

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. FDM	2056	27 Mar 1950		WHT	
2. [REDACTED]		MAR 3 1950		[REDACTED]	
3. [REDACTED]		MAR 22 1950			
4. FDM	2056			WHT	For Division Chief's approval and return
5. [REDACTED]					
6. [REDACTED]	1601	27 Mar 1950		[REDACTED]	
7. [REDACTED]					
8. [REDACTED]					
9. [REDACTED]					
10. Registry					
11. [REDACTED]					APPROVED FOR RELEASE 3/00 L3
12. [REDACTED]					
13. [REDACTED]					
14. J					
15. [REDACTED]					

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JAMES S. KRONTHAL

## OFFICIAL DISPATCH

VIA: AIR  
SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCHDISPATCH NO. MSBA-2761~~SECRET~~  
CLASSIFICATION

TO : Chief, Foreign Division M      DATE: 21 February 1950  
          Attn: Ramon P. CRUMP  
FROM : Chief of Station, Berne *CRN*  
SUBJECT: GENERAL. Administrative  
          SPECIFIC. Transmittal of Travel Voucher

1) Attached hereto is travel voucher covering  
return travel of  from headquarters.

Enclosure  
(3 copies)

*Wallace H. Summers*  
Wallace H. Summers *KCX*

Distribution:  
Washington (3)  
Berne (1)

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CLASSIFICATION

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James S. Kronthal

9 May 1949

Chief of Station  
Bern  
[REDACTED] Funds Branch  
Administrative  
Travel Order - [REDACTED]


1. Enclosed is a copy of Travel Order No. UV-572-42 issued  
2 May 1949 to subject employee for your information and file.

Enclosure 1

  
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Ernest D. Echols  
ADMIN

Richard Helms-FBI

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AIR

JAMES S. KRANTHAL

20 July 1949

Chief of Station

Bern

~~Administrative~~ Field Branch

Administrative

Travel Order - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

1. Enclosed is a copy of Travel Order No. UV-35-60 issued 12 July 1949 to subject employee for your information and file.

2. The traveler is to be advised of the contents of his authorization prior to performance of travel.

Enclosure 1

  
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Emmett D. Echols

ADMIN

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Richard Helms-FBN~~SECRET~~

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Chief of Station

Bern

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Funds Branch

Administrative

Travel Order - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

5 August 1949

*James J. [unclear]*

2. Enclosed is a copy of Travel Order No. UV-100-50 issued 1 August 1949 to subject employee for your information and file.

Enclosure 1

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ADMIN

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Hugh I. Cunningham-FEM

Acting Chief

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FUND'S PERSONNEL ACTION		
NAME <b>ERONTAL, James S.</b>		DATE <b>12 June 1952</b>
NATURE OF ACTION <b>Reassignment</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>*3 April 1952</b>
	FROM	TO
TITLE	<b>Intell. Officer (Chief of Station)</b>	<b>Intelligence Officer</b>
GRADE AND SALARY	<b>GS-15 \$10,800</b>	<b>GS-15 \$10,800</b>
OFFICE	<b>OSO</b>	<b>OSO</b>
DIVISION	<b>FDI</b>	<b>EE/OSO</b>
BRANCH		
OFFICIAL STATION	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	
QUALIFICATIONS	FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	EXECUTIVE
CLASSIFICATION		
POST DIFFERENTIAL AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY REGULATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
OATH OF OFFICE AND NO-STRIKE AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED ON _____		
SECURITY CLEARED ON _____		
OVERSEAS AGREEMENT SIGNED _____		
ENTERED ON DUTY _____		
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER)		
REMARKS:		
* Per  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>APPROVED FOR RELEASE</b>            3/00 b3         </div>		

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Contract Personnel Files - [REDACTED] and KRONTHAL, James S.

FROM:

OTR Records Management Officer  
Room [REDACTED]

EXTENSION

NO.

OTR Registry

DATE

2 December 1977

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S  
INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1. Chief, Contract Personnel Division, OP  
Rm [REDACTED], Headquarters

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OTR Registry

2 DEC 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Contract Personnel Division, OP

FROM: [REDACTED]  
OTR Records Management Officer

SUBJECT: Contract Personnel Files-- [REDACTED]  
and KRONTHAL, James S. (U/AIUO)

1. (U/AIUO) The attached copies of two contract personnel files were discovered among our records during a recent records review. You may wish to review these files for possible information to complete your records.

2. (U) I would appreciate being informed of your disposition.

Attachments:

- 1 - Personnel Contract File-- [REDACTED]
- 2 - Personnel Contract File--KRONTHAL

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Downgrade to AIUO  
Upon Removal of Attachments

Standard Form No. 61a  
Approved January 28, 1943  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
C. & C. Dept. Cir. No. 409

# OATH OF OFFICE, AFFIDAVIT, AND DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

Central Intelligence Group

Washington, D.C.

(Department or Establishment)

(Bureau or Division)

(Place of Employment)

## A. OATH OF OFFICE

I, James S. Kronthal

Do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: SO HELP ME GOD:

## B. AFFIDAVIT

Do further swear (or affirm) that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence:

## C. DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

Do further certify that (1) I have not paid or offered or promised to pay any money or other thing of value to any person, firm, or corporation for the use of influence to procure my appointment; (2) I will inform myself of and observe the provisions of the Civil Service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political assessments, etc.; as quoted on the attached Information for Appointee, and [strike out either (3) or (4)]

(3) the answers given by me in the Declaration of Appointee on the reverse of this sheet are true and correct;

(4) the answers contained in my Application for Federal Employment, Form No: \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, filed with the above-named department or establishment, which I have reviewed, are true and correct as of this date, except for the following (if necessary, use additional sheet; if no exceptions write "none"; if (4) is executed, the reverse of this sheet need not be used):

James S. Kronthal  
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 22nd day of October A. D., 19 46

at Washington D.C.  
(City) (State)

[SEAL] Chapter 145, Title II, Sec. 206  
Act of June 26, 1943

[Signature]  
(Signature of Official)  
Appointment Clerk  
(Title)

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown

16-62544-2

20 October 1946  
(Date of Entrance on Duty)

Intelligence Analyst, P-6, #7102.20 August 21, 1912  
(Position to which appointed) (Date of Birth)

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## DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

This form, if required, is to be completed before entrance on duty. Every question must be answered. Any false statement in this declaration will be grounds for cancellation of application or dismissal after appointment. False personation is a criminal offense and will be prosecuted accordingly.

1. Present Address Hotel Martiniague, 1311-16<sup>th</sup> St. N. W., Washington D. C.  
(Street and Number) (City and State)

2. Who should be notified in case of emergency? Mrs. Maude R. KRONTHAL Mother  
(Name) (Relationship)

138 East 71<sup>st</sup> St. New York 21, N. Y.  
(Street and Number) (City and State)

3. Does the U. S. Government employ in a civilian capacity any relative of yours (either by blood or marriage) with whom you live or have lived within the past 6 months? Yes or No? No If so, for each such relative fill in the blanks below. If additional space is necessary, complete under item 12.

Name	Post-office address (Give street number, if any)	(1) Position and (2) Temporary or not, and (3) Department or office in which employed	Relation- ship	Married or single	Age
		1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____			
		1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____			
		1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____			

4. Place of birth Deas N. Y.  
(Town) (State or Country)

Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column	Yes	No	12. Space for detailed answers to other questions.
5. Are you a citizen of the United States? .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ITEM NO. Write in left column numbers of items to which detailed answers apply
6. If foreign born, have you furnished proof of naturalization or citizenship to (1) the U. S. Civil Service Commission? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(2) this agency in connection with this appointment? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Since you filed application resulting in this appointment, has there been any change in the status of your citizenship, or of the persons through whom you gained your citizenship? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8. (a) Do you hold any position or office under the United States or any State, Territory, County, or Municipality? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If so, state the place, position, and salary under item 12.			
(b) Are you willing to resign such position or office if it becomes necessary to do so in order to hold the Federal position? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Do you receive any pension or other benefit for military or naval service or an annuity from the U. S. or D. C. Government under any Retirement Act? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If so, give details under item 12, stating whether you were retired for age, length of service, or disability; amount of retirement pay and under what retirement act; and rank, if retired from military or naval service.			
10. Since you filed application resulting in this appointment, have you been discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or forced to resign from any position? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If so, give under item 12 (1) the date, (2) the name and address of employer and the reason for discharge in each case.			
11. Since you filed application resulting in this appointment, have you been arrested, or summoned into any civil or military court as a defendant, or indicted for or convicted of any offense (felony or misdemeanor)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If so, for each case give under item 12 (1) the date, (2) the name and location of the court, (3) the nature of the offense or violation, and (4) the penalty, if any, imposed, or other disposition.			

## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPOINTING OFFICER

The appointing officer before whom the foregoing certificate is made shall determine to his own satisfaction that this appointment would be in conformance with the Civil Service Act, applicable civil-service rules, the War Service Regulations, and acts of Congress pertaining to appointment.

This form should be checked for holding of office, pension, purchase of office, suitability in connection with any record of recent discharge or arrest, promise to observe provisions regarding political activity, and particularly for the following:

(1) Identity of appointee with the applicant whose appointment was authorized. The appointee's signature and handwriting are to be compared with the application and/or other pertinent papers. The physical appearance may be checked against the medical certificate. The appointee may also be questioned on his personal history for agreement with his previous statements.

(2) Age.—If discrepancy exists between the date of birth and that on application, and if definite age limits have been established for the position, it should be determined that applicant is not outside the age range for appointment.

(3) Citizenship.—The responsibility for determining the provisions of appropriation acts prohibiting or restricting the employment of aliens lies with the appointing

officer. The Civil Service Commission indicates on applications showing foreign birth that citizenship has been verified. The appointing officer should verify citizenship if the list of eligibles or the letter of authority from the Commission makes the appointment subject to proof of citizenship, or if the application shows foreign birth but does not indicate on its face that citizenship has been proved. If the answer to question 4 of this form shows foreign birth and the application shows birth in the United States, the case should be referred to the Civil Service Commission.

(4) Members of Family.—Section 9 of the Civil Service Act provides that whenever there are already two or more members of the family in the classified service, no other member of such family is eligible for appointment in that service. Minors do not establish a different family merely by living at an address different from that of the parents. Doubtful cases involving more than two members of family, including all pertinent evidence, should be referred to the Civil Service Commission or its duly authorized representatives for decision. Under War Service Regulations, the regular provision does not apply to temporary appointments for one year.